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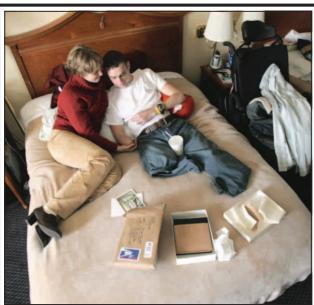
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Sgt. Joey Bozik, shown with wife Jayme, lost parts of his legs and right arm when his Humvee rolled over a bomb in Iraq. But Bozik says he has never been happier since he got married in December.

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World

Togo's leadership questioned: Togo's new military-installed president flew to Nigeria on Thursday for talks with President Olusegun Obasanjo, who is leading regional efforts to reverse the Togolese leader's army-backed succession to power. Faure Gnassingbe was immediately ushered into closed-door talks with Obasanio upon his arrival.

Togo's military announced Gnassingbe's appointment to the presidency on Feb. 5, hours after his father — 38-year Togo ruler Gnassingbe Evadema — died.

Pakistan PM attack: Pakistani nolice said Thursday they are holding a suspected Islamic militant in connection with last year's failed suicide attack against the country's prime minister

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz survived the attack when a suicide bomber blew himself up near his car on July 30 in Fateh Jang, near the capital. On Thursday, Zafar Iqbal, police chief in Attock, said that they are holding a man named Salman, but would not elaborate

Nepal political crisis: King Gyanendra on Thursday announced the formation of an anti-graft commission that will be given broad powers to investigate and jail corrupt politicians and government bureaucrats under Nepal's sweeping state of emergency

Amnesty International, meanwhile, warned Thursday that the king's moves were destroying human rights and taking the country to the "brink of disaster" — a charge the government denies.

The group's secretary general, Irene Khan, called on donor nations to suspend military aid to Nepal's government to pressure it to change its policies.

Tsunami recovery: A powerful earthquake sent tsunami survivors fleeing from buildings in Indonesia's hard-hit Aceh province Thurs day, while Australia said its helicopters will soon return home as the focus of relief efforts shifts from emergency aid to rebuilding. Thursday's quake was the latest in a series of aftershocks in the region. There were no immediate reports of injury or damage

Alleged terror chief trial: Alleged terror chief Abu Bakar Bashir told a court in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Thursday he was being framed by President Bush for supporting Islam and that he had nothing to do with a

Islam and that he had nottung to do with a string of deadly bombings in Indonesia. Bashir, the alleged leader of the al-Qaida-linked terror group Jemaah Is-lamiyah, is charged with inspiring his follow-ers to carry out the Bali and J.W. Marriott



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Flag for a friend: Senior Airman Christopher W. Turner, top left; Airman 1st Class Isaac Garcia, top right; Senior Airman Tyler J. Trease, bottom left; and Airman 1st Class Nicholas Braun, all firefighters of the 36 Civil Engineering Squadron, 36 Air Expeditionary Wing, hold the American flag Wednesday at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, during a moment of silence honoring the death of Air Force firefighter Staff Sgt. Ray Rangel. Rangel, 29, died Sunday while attempting to rescue two soldiers trapped in a Humvee that overturned in a canal in Iraq.

hotel bombings. Prosecutors have asked a court to sentence him to eight years in jail.

States

Jackson hospitalized: Michael Jackson was recovering from flu symptoms and was in good spirits after a short hospital stay that prompted another delay in his child molestation trial, a doctor said.

The pop star returned to his Neverland ranch in California on Wednesday after spending a night at the hospital, according to Jackson spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain.

Elizabeth Smart kidnapping: The drifter and self-proclaimed prophet accused of kid-napping Elizabeth Smart in Utah was removed from his competency hearing twice for singing a religious song — the third time he has done that in court in recent months. Brian David Mitchell, 51, and his wife, Wanda Barzee, 59, are charged with kidnap-ping, sexual assault and burglary.

Judge Judith Atherton allowed the compe-tency hearing to continue without Mitchell.

Florida election laws: The Florida secre-tary of state's office Wednesday proposed changing election law to give voters more privacv at polling sites - and give those who cast provisional ballots a week, instead of two days, to prove their eligibility

The measures would also establish the secretary — the current officeholder is Republican Glenda Hood - as the ultimate referee when disputes arise from different interpretations of election law by county supervisors.

Right-to-life case: Family and supporters of a severely brain-damaged Florida woman at the center of a right-to-die case kicked off a protest and lobbying campaign to block removal of a feeding tube that helps keep the woman alive.

With legal options dwindling, the parents of Terri Schiavo, Bob and Mary Schindler, have turned to anti-abortion group Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry; he said he would again lobby Gov. Jeb Bush to intervene.

War on terrorism

Gitmo prisoner torture claim: An Australian terror suspect freed from Guantanamo Bay last month was probably tortured during his detention, a leading psychiatrist said Wednesday after examining him.

Egyptian-born Mamdouh Habib leased without charge from the U.S. military base in Cuba last month more than three years after his arrest in Pakistan in 2001. Habib claimed he was sent to Egypt, where he was tortured daily for six months before arriving at Guantanamo Bay in 2002

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Navy adds to bonus re-enlistment jobs

By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Strines

The U.S. Navy added seven ratings to its extensive list of jobs for which sailors can collect the Selective Re-enlistment Bonus if they commit to stay Navy.

Added to the list of 70 ratings are quartermaster, cryptologic technician techni cal, engineman, damage controlman, hull technician and some aviation boatswain's mate ratings. Some of the bonuses are tied to how long the sailor has been in the Navy.

Eligibility in the newly added ratings was effective Feb. 1

While the maximum payout for the added ratings is a \$45,000 bonus for a six-year commitment, not all sailors who re-enlist will qualify for the top payout, said Lt. Kyle Raines, Navy Personnel Com mand spokesman.

"Two [cryptologists] might get slightly different bonuses based on when they came in, what their current pay is, and the that rating," Raines said, referring to a figure assigned to each rating and zone that personnel officials use to calculate bonus

payouts. plete list of eligible ratings and the "multi ple" by which officials calculate payouts is posted on the

Navy Web site at: www.npc.navy.mil/ ReferenceLibrary/Messages/NAVADMI Ns/Message Details/ 020_05.htm.

Re-enlistment bonuses provide incen-

Additions to bonus program

The Navy has added seven ratings to its Selective Re-enlistment Bonus program. Some of the ises are tied to the amount of time sailors are

in the Navy. Zone A are sailors with less than six years of service; zone B between six and 10 years of service;

zone C from 10 to 14 years of service. The re-enlistments

Quartermasters in zones A, B and C Cryptologic technician technical, zones B and C Aviation boatswain's mate fuel, zone A Aviation boatswain's mate handling, zone A

Engineman, zone A Damage controlman, zone A Hull technicians, zone A

"the Navv hang on to peowith the skills and experience, and motivates others to get training and be an asset to the Navy as well," said Davis, a sailor for near-

On the flin side, the Navy has eliminated some jobs that once qualified for the SRB and decreased the honus navout levels for 31 others Raines said

The decreases go into effect March 3, so sailors eligible to re-enlist will want to do so now before the payouts decrease next month, he said.

"The SRB program is another example of our Human Capital Strategy's aim to ensure we have the right sailors, with the right skills, in the right jobs and this program helps us achieve that goal." the chief of naval personnel, Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing, said in a statement.

"It is a flexible incentive for the Navy to encourage retention in ratings where skilled sailors are needed and in turn provides those sailors with greater financial compensation."

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New program gives some sailors early-out option

By JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Strines

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Navy has approved a new early-out option for many sailors due to get out of the service before Oct 1

The "Early Transition Pro-gram" allows certain sailors to leave the Navy, but they must go by Aug. 15, said Master Chief Petty Officer Doug DeVault, an enlisted manpower manager for Navy's chief of personnel.

Sailors whose active contract ends before Oct. 1, the start of the military's new fiscal year, are eligible to apply, said DeVault. It could shave as much as six months off of contracts for those who apply now

The program expands an existing policy that allows sailors to leave the Navy, with their commander's permission, as much as 90 days early.

Traditionally, early-out quests must be linked to set of approved reasons, such as plans to go to college. That's not so with the new policy. Sailors don't need a reason, but their boss still has to give the OK

Unit commanders will still be able to disapprove requests, he said, but even if the commander approves, final approval rests with Navy headquarters

Sailors in a few specialties, however, are not eligible, DeVault said. Excluded are

■ Specialties with Selective Re-enlistment Bonus. "If a sailor is SRB eligible or currently drawing an SRB, we're not letting them go. That's a critical skill and we need those people to stick around," DeVault said.

■ Special Operations. SEALs, Explosive Ordnance Disposal experts, Special Surface Warfare Combatant Crewman and divers are not eligible. ■ No Nukes. Anyone with a rat-

ing in nuclear propulsion systems is not eligible. ■ Stop-loss ratings. While the Navy currently has no specialties affected by stop loss, officials threw this in as a catch-all, in case we do have another stop loss." DeVault said

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Commanders who sign off on re quests likely won't see that sailor's replacement quickly.

"The CO has to agree to gap the billet up until the sailors projected rotation date or their [end of active service obligation datel.' DeVault said.

The new policy follows a similar extended transition program offered last year that saw some 1,250 sailors get out a few months early. Because last year's offering included sailors with end-of-service dates that went into this year many that might have been inter ested have already signed up, he

officials estimate about 500 sailors will take advantage of the new program. "But that's by no means a quota," he added.

The early out offering also comes as the Navy is preparing to cut its force levels by 13,000 sail-ors next year. Officials hope it will help start whittling down those numbers now.

"As we get smaller, the jobs go away. If the member is in an ex-cess billet out there, there's really no sense in him sticking around, DeVault said.

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Hagee: Cultural training needed to handle globally funded insurgents

By LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - U.S. servicemembers in Iraq need more training - especially cultural training - to deal with a globally funded and highly sophisticated insurgency, the Marine Corps commandant told law-

The comments came as Navy and Marine officials outlined to Congress their 2006 budget requests, which includes more funding for troops' training and almost doubles bonus es for individuals with language skills. Those start at \$100 a month for active duty person-

Marine Corps Com-

makers Thursday



mandant Gen. Michael Hagee said little has changed in the combat tactics and physical demands of fighting insurgents over the years. But to more effectively anticipate their movements and plans, a new emphasis must be placed on understanding their motives and back-

"[The insurgents] today are globalized. They are able to coordinate worldwide. able to communicate worldwide and raise money worldwide," he said. "That's signifi-

cantly different than in the interwar period between World War I and World War II." Over the last five years, the Army and Navy have placed a greater emphasis on education, both before and after troops

enter the service.

Hagee said about 97 percent of Marines are high school graduates, and new efforts are under way to provide them with more continuing education opportunities, both at home and while deployed.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark reiterated plans to recruit higher-educated sailors because of the ever increasing complexity of the Navy's systems.
"I've told our people we're not compet-

ing against the Marines or the Army or the Air Force for people. We're actually com-peting against Fortune 500 companies that want the same kind of people we want," he said. "We've told our people, 'If you're going to get promoted, you're going to have to have degrees.' '

Gordon England, secretary of the Navy, admitted the service "probably started too late" in emphasizing the importance of education in its servicemembers, but he is pleased with recent efforts to change that

The Navy's proposed \$125.6 billion budget, up \$6.4 billion from last year, also in-cludes proposals to reduce the carrier fleet from 12 to 11 ships and reduce submarine production next year from two to one.

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USS Kitty Hawk all tied up



Deck department personnel help maintain tension on a salt-and-pepper line between USS Kitty Hawk and USNS John Ericsson during a replenishment at sea on Wednesday. The salt-and-pepper line lets the commanding officers of both ships have bridge-tobridge communications during a replenishment.

The good — and bad — in GI aftercare



Soldiers gather Thursday in the processing center of the new Army medical facility on the Air National Guard

Base in Birmingham, Ala. The military is seeing benefits to treating injured troops near their homes. Community-based health care plan a hit

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Sgt. Chris Dunbar was nursing a shattered jaw after fighting in Iraq. Upon arriving at Fort Stewart, Ga, he realized he would be stuck at the base for more than a year until his teeth and mount fully healed.

What he wished was to go home to recover. The Army agreed.

Through the military's new community-based health care initiative, Dunbar was allowed to return home to Tampa, Fla., where he is being treated by an Air Force doctor and has family help while remaining on active duty.

"This is really a godsend," Dunbar said in a telephone interview.

The program in Florida is one of five established since January 2004 to serve injured National Guard and Reserve soldiers in 25 attats. This month, a center opened in Birmingham, Ala, to evaluate the health-care needs of soldiers in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky.

"The purpose is to allow soldiers to come back to their communities and receive medical care instead of at a military installation," said Alabama Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Bob Horton. Each center has case workers who evaluate the soldiers' eligibility to return home and a nurse to monitor their progress.

The indefinite nature of the fighting in Iraq, mounting injuries and multiple returns to combat by Guard and Reserve troops forced the Army to re-evaluate its health-care policy, said Lt. Col. Ken Braddock, who oversees the community-based health care programs for most of the eastern states.

"initially, that's why the Army looked at a community-based option — to augment the medical capacity," said program manager Col. Barbara Scherb, who estimated the administrative costs of the program would reach \$23 million this year. But now the Army is seeing benefits for the treatment of soldiers, as well.

Allowing troops to be treated near home can "get them to heal quicker," Braddock said.

To be eligible for the program, soldiers must remain on active duty. While they are treated neahome, they also take on a military job so they get out and adjust to living in a civilian environment. Once soldiers have recovered from their injuries, they are released from active duty until their next scheduled mobilization.

Red tape traps some veterans

BY WES SMITH

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel HINESVILLE, Ga. — Staff Set

Howard LeRoy Hizer made it back from Iraq with a Bronze Star in November 2003, but he's still fighting to get healthy and get home.

More than a year after the rest of his Florida National Guard unit returned to civilian life, the St. Cloud, Fla., reservist has a drawer full of medications, a Jeep with 265,000 miles on it and a bed in a 16-man trailer on a military base 300 miles from his family.

Hizer, 41, was called to active duy in December 2002 and served 11 months as an infantry-squad leader in the Persian Gulf before being sent to Fort Stewart, Ga., because of severe

back and neck injuries.

He was hurt when he fell from a truck on its way to help a military-police unit that had been attacked

The staff sergeant, an Oscola County volunteer firefighter who works at St. Cloud's wastewater-treatment plant in civilian life, is now into his second year of what the military calls "medical holdover." He gets his military pay and free treatment for his injuries, but except for the time he spends on leave, he can't return to his wife and two young children.

"He's very frustrated, and I'm beyond frustration," said his wife, Lynette Hizer, a registered nurse. Col. Barbara Scherb of U.S.

Army Forces Command in Atlanta acknowledged last week that at least 15 wounded or injured Iraq veterans who were among the first to arrive at Fort Stewart have been blocked from seeking treat-

ment at home, even though other soldiers in similar circumstances have been allowed to do so.

The bureaucratic knot, which the colonel described as "very complex budgetary and statutory problem all wrapped up in legalese" should be untied by the end of February, the colonel said.

The military spent millions to increase medical staff and to improve living conditions at Fort Stewart and other bases after injured Reserve and National Guard troops returning from Iraq complained to members of Congress about unequal and poor treatment in fall 2002.

Last spring, the Army also unveiled a \$23 million Community-Based Health Care Organization to relieve overburdened bases by allowing soldiers such as Hizer to get medical treatment near their homes.

Hizer has petitioned repeatedly to get into the community-care program, but so far his requests have been denied.

"I just want to get fixed so I can go home and pursue my job," he said. "It's almost like they want to wait you out until you just say you want to quit and go home."

want to quit and go home."
Currently, 1,455 active-duty
Guard and Reserve are in the community-care program.
Former National Guard 1st Lt.

Ted Pratchios, 33, of Jacksonville was Hizer's platoon leader in Iraq. Pratchios recalled that he recommended Hizer for the Bronze Star based on his colheaded leadership of his nine-man squad.

"I can't believe he is still at Fort Stewart. It's like guys are being punished for being hurt," Pratchios said. "Certainly there is something not working the way it should be there."

'I've never been happier in my whole life'

With bride at his side, triple amputee adjusts to life after war

BY VALERIE BAUERLEIN Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer

WASHINGTON — Joey Bozik crosses his one arm over his body, rifles his backpack for his pillbox. He flips the compartment with his thumb, throws back his head and pops the morphine pill into his mouth. His wife, Jayme, does not reach

to help him.

She stands behind his wheelchair, ruffling his buzz cut. The silver ring on her left hand, gleaming like a chrome bumper, is identical to the one on his left. They are in their temporary

They are in their temporary home, a room on the grounds of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. They are smiling.

"Til tell you this much," said Bozik, one of the Iraq war's three triple amputees. "I've never been happier in my whole life." Bozik, 26. shipped out last

Bozik, 26, shipped out last March to Iraq. He was in the desert, in a tent with nine guys, the military police officers he led. On Oct. 27, he was riding through the desert south of Baghdad when his Humvee rolled over a bomb. His buddies were OK. But Joey lost his right leg above the knee. His left leg, at the knee. His right arm, at the elbow.

They sent him to Germany, to the hospital. Then they sent him home. He woke up in the amputee ward in Walter Reed, in Washington. His girlfriend Jayme, 25, was

He hurt where his arm and legs used to be. His foot hurt so badly he thought it was broken. He doesn't remember it, but Jayme does. She stayed most nights in the hospital room.

He could not feed himself, go to the bathroom, turn a page.

Family came. Friends. His mother, Gail, packed three outfits and stayed three months. Jayme cared for him as he became a child all over again, learning to crawl, to sit to eat

One day, he sent them all out, all but Jayme.

He wanted her to understand that there were things he would never be able to do. Run on the beach. Carry her. Dance.

He said he did not want her to stay because she felt sorry for him. He told her she was free to go, that he loved her and he always would. She said, as long as you have your head and your heart, that's all I need.

They married on New Year's
Eve in the hospital chapel.

People donated a cake, a limo, a suite at the Four Seasons Hotel with couches and champagne and a bathroom made of marble.

She has a job now, an internship as an exercise physiologist at the National Naval Medical Center in nearby Bethesda, Md. It is her last requirement for graduation from

Texas A&M University.

He has a job, too, of sorts. Physical therapy, to build his strength and prepare for prosthetic legs.

Occupational therapy, to learn to use a wheelchair, to cook

one-handed, to write.
Bozik said he's lucky to have gotten injured after his wild days were spent. He sees 18- or 19-year-old amputees in rehab, in the dining hall. They have not had

They do not have the girl he has.



ETHAN HYMAN/The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observe

Sgt. Joey Bozik and his wife Jayme were married New Year's Eve, two months after Bozik lost both legs and an arm in an explosion in Iraq. Even as a triple amputee, Bozik says he has never been happier, because he has married the woman he loves.

Sasebo, Atsugi get nods in environmental competition

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stare and Strings

Environmental programs and projects at Sasebo Naval Base and Naval Air Facility Atsugi are garnering national attention.

Air quality improvements and water conservation were among initiatives that helped the two Japan bases win two of the three overseas environmental quality awards in the 2004 Chief of Naval Operations environmental competition, the Navy announced this week

Across the Navy, 28 winners were selected for various awards in the competition, which is sponsored by CNO Environmental Readiness Division.

Sasebo and Atsugi will compete in the overseas division against Naval Support Activity Bahrain for a Secretary of Navy environmental award, said Thomas Blackmer, regional environmental program director for Com-mander Naval Forces Japan. The winner in that category vies with other services for Defense Department honors.

Sasebo's accomplishments, ac-

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cording to a CNFJ news release. included increased air emissions tests, improved water management and increased efforts to prevent pollution and reduce waste. The base also is developing an environmental management system, which Blackmer said helps an installation become a better environmental steward

"It organizes all your environmental programs under a process that you can document," he said. 'so if somebody leaves somebody comes in, the system is in place; you can see what the environmental concerns are, what the environmental projects are. It's just to improve the process, to make it more effective, from the top to the bottom."

Recent environmental achiev ments at Atsugi included installing waste-water recycling systems to conserve almost 400,000 gallons of water annually. Atsug-'s environmental teams also re duced hazardous-waste generation, according the CNFJ news re-

Blackmer described Atsugi's wastewater recycling system as closed-loop recycling wash racks,

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installed in the ground on the flight line, at the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department facility and at the Navy aviation depot, Naval Air Pacific Repair Activity. "Normally, when you spray off

ur car, water goes anyplace, Blackmer said, using one example. "This water is recaptured: it goes through a filter and is reused

so it saves a tremendous amount of water. CNEJ officials said residents of

both bases also took part with nearby Japanese communities in Earth Day activities, including cleaning up local roadways and waterways and planting trees.

"We feel good that Sasebo and Atsugi have been able to win these awards this year, and we're looking to continue in environ mental stewardship and environmental compliance by improving processes and winning more awards in the future," Blackmer said Thursday.

The winners will receive their awards May 3 at the U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center in Washington, D.C. E-mail Jennifer H. Svan at: svanj@pstripes.osd.mil

SCA goes medieval at Camp Zama





Above: Jack Graham (also known as Friar Jack), left, assistant principal at Yokosuka Middle School. defends against Jay Noyes (aka Noe) in armored melee combat at Camp Zama, Japan, on Feb. 12. The Society for Creative Anachronism's Avalon group met at Camp Zama to practice medieval armored combat. The group acts on their interest in the Middle Ages by wearing period clothing and recreating the era's martial arts. Left: Petty Officer 3rd Class Mary Loungo (front) from Strike Fighter Squadron 27 from Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, defends herself against a strike from Jay Noyes.

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West Youth Center

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games are to be played at the

and piano lesson payments can be made at the Kibo Child Develop-

ment Center; dance/gymnastics

class payments can be made at

A shuttle bus for youth pro-

gram members will run between

the East and West Youth Centers

from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to

■ School Age Care Program

Tsunami aid concert

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -The Yokota Cares Committee is sponsoring a March 1 benefit concert to raise money for the American Red Cross Tsunami Disaster

At the family-friendly event, to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Yokota Officers Club, local professional musicians will play "Broadway and American popular music," according to a news release.

Tickets can be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26 and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Sophie Chinese Antique Furniture Sale at the Yujo Community

Call Lee Andersen at DSN 225-3438 for more information and to buy tickets.

Youth center closure

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -Yokota's East Youth Center will be closed Feb. 25-May 1 for reno-

The following is a list of alter nate locations for classes and events:

- Dance classes are to be moved to the West Youth Center.
- Piano classes are to be moved to the East Chapel. ■ Gymnastics are canceled for
- March; they will resume in April at the West Youth Center.
 - Youth sports basketball

Scholarship available YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan -

The Yokota Officers' Spouses' Club is seeking college scholarship applicants.

Yokota High School seniors and spouses who are continuing their education can find eligibility requirements and application forms at www.yosc.org.

The application deadline is noon March 18.

Call Elizabeth Downs at DSN 227-3170 or e-mail isbetkiiima@hotmail.com for more infor-

mation.

Sesame Place passes

Yokota Air Base residents can grab free passes to visit Tokyo Sesame Place on Feb. 26 and 27.

Passes allow one-day entry for three people to the 13th Annual Working Vehicle Show, to the park itself and, for children younger than 12, the new Mutsugoro Animal Kingdom petting zoo. Entry to the zoo for all others is 700 ven (about \$6.65).

Pick up passes while supplies last from the Family Childcare Office, the youth centers, child de-velopment centers and the Yujo Recreation Center.

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Commission certifies results of Iraq election

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BY CHRIS TOMLINSON

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi people have elected a new democratic parliament, the first in 50 years, but a new government is unlikely to take over for weeks, officials ead Thursday.

ficials said Thursday.

Iraq's electoral commission certified the results of the country's
Jan. 30 elections on Thursday,
and Shiite political parties hold
the majority of seats, as expected.

But wrangling over who will become prime minister may take days or even weeks to resolve, several people close to the talks

said.
The clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance won 140 seats, giving it a slight majority in the 275-member parliament. But a two-thirds majority — or 182 seats — is needed to confirm the next president, two vice presidents, the prime minister and his

Ali Hashim al-Youshaa, one of the alliance's leaders, said the coalition has recruited eight lawmakers from other political parties to join their block in parliament, and that talks were underway to recruit many more to reach the two-thirds majority needed.

There is no timetable for convening the new National Assembly and the current government will work with the incoming lawmakers to set a date to convene. But even once the assembly meets, there is no deadline for appointing a largely ceremonial president and two vice presidents, who will in turn appoint

the prime minister.

Most observers don't expect
the assembly to appoint the president until there is consensus on
who will be prime minister and
who will be in the cabinet, because once the president is appointed, a prime minister must be

named within two weeks.
The two leading candidates to
be the alliance's nominee are interim Vice President Ibrahim
al-Jaafari and Iraqi National Congress leader Ahmad Chalabi. But
current Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, whose secular party won 40
seats, insists he is still in the run-

ning as a compromise candidate.
Al-Jaafari said Thursday he expects the alliance to agree on a nominee within the next two days, but it wasn't clear if he expected the candidate to have the backing of the 182 lawmakers needed to win, or only the support

of the alliance.

"We are having free discussions about who is going to be the prime minister and it probably will take two or three days to announce who is going to be the prime minister," al-Jaafari said following the certification of the election results.

Left gear leaves units short

Guard, Reserve troops face long wait for equipment

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Reserve and National Guard units that leave equipment behind in Iraq and Afghanistan will have to wait more than a year before they get replacement gear, according the civilian chief of the Reserve com-

ponents.

Cash to buy the gear is earmarked in the Pentagon's budget request for next year, as well as the supplemental request for this year's war spending, said Tom Hall, assistant Defense Secretary for Reserve Affairs, told a gathering of reporters Thursday in Washineton.

Both requests are now being debated in Congress.

If approved, that money will allow units commanders "to start resetting ... the equipment left behind," said Hall.

But even if both requests are approved in short order, it will take 12 to 18 months before the new gear shows up, said Hall. And even then, he added, "there are questions about whether that will be enough."

will be enough."
Most Guard and Reserve units
serving in Iraq and Afghanistan
have been handing off everything to from trucks and Humvees to tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles to follow-on forces.

Hall said the equipment gap between when units return from the war zones and when they are able to begin training again back home is fueling readiness con-

"If you leave your equipment in Iraq," said Hall, that means "you don't have equipment ... to train on"

Asked about the issue during testimony on Capitol Hill, Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Richard Myers noted the same problem. "There will be a lag time where units are below the de-

sired levels of readiness," said Myers.
"It also impacts the training of units going forward," added Myers, explaining that in many cases units now downrange had to cobble together equipment

from other units now facing their own deployments. Also, he said, the equipment shuffle complicates Pentagon promises that troops "will train with the equipment they're going to use in country."

Recruiting woes

Meanwhile, said Hall, the majority of the Reserve components are struggling with recruiting efforts "The ground truth on where we stand right now, in first four months of the fiscal year, is that only the Marine Corps Reserve has met its recruiting goals,"

Hall said he expects the Army Guard and Reserve in particular "will continue to have a challenging year."

ing year."

The Army National Guard is currently at 95 percent of its authorized strength and the Army Reserve has dipped to 97 per-

When asked about Reserve recruiting, Myers told Congressional leaders Thursday that he was keeping a careful eye on the trends.

"While we ought to be con-

cerned about this, it's not a time to panic at this point," Myers told Senators. "We're going to watch this very closely because the last thing we want to end up with is a hollow force."

To help turn the tide, said Hall,

10 neip turn the tide, said Hali, the services have surged an additional 2,300 Guard and Reserve recruiters into communities. Hall said he's backing efforts to offer new enlistment bonuses for as much as \$15.000.

"If we can go from \$2,400 to \$15,000 I think that could make a bit of difference," said Hall.

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Training Iraqi troops slow going for U.S.

Some say effort may take decade

BY TERRY BOYD Stars and Stripes

OPERATING FORWARD BASE DANGER, Iraq — Two years after it disbanded Saddam Hussein's military, the U.S. Army is trying to build a new Iraqi army

The sooner that fledgling army can take care of itself and protect its country, the sooner U.S. troops can go home, military leaders

But don't pack your bags yet. U.S. trainers say American sol-diers could be in Iraq for the next decade, a sobering assessment of a fragmented, though rapidly evolving, effort

"It's a five-to-10-year solution," said 1st Sgt. J.T. Brown. Until last month, Brown was the commander and a trainer at The Island technically the 4th Iraqi Army Division Training Academy training facility near Tikrit.

It will be years before the new army will have the skills or the leadership to lift the security burden off U.S. troops, trainers said. But the situation is improving.

The Iraqi soldiers who graduated from The Island last month were some of the best U.S. trainers have seen, said Brown and Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Taylor, who also worked as a trainer

Training at The Island includes basic soldiering skills, such as marksmanship, weapons care and maintenance. Marksmanship is a large portion, said Maj. Gen. John R.S. Batiste, 1st Infantry Division commanding general in an interview Sunday

"We've established marksmanship standards [for recruits] and we've gotten millions and millions of rounds of ammunition," Batiste said. Recruits are learning "to fire three aimed rounds versus 300 sprayed over the top of a wall, which is what they were doing," Batiste said.

Some combat techniques, such as how to lay down suppressing fire or cover fire, are also taught. But unlike at U.S. Army boot camp, U.S. trainers at The Island devote much of their time trying to undo ethnic and religious tensions, the residue of Saddam's corrupt, divide-and-rule culture

Trainers throw together Sun-nis, Shiites and Kurds, and it takes recruits time to get comfortable with one another

"We have the periodic nosebleed, but by the end of the week, they're hugging each other after working as a team," Brown

In addition, trainers try to teach things such as rules of engagements, civil rights, laws of war and ethics.

The Island is one of perhaps a dozen training operations across Iraq, but programs are not stan-

"Everyone is teaching different things," said Maj. Donald McAr-dle, with the 42nd Infantry Divi-

Recruits - many uneducated







Above left: An Iraqi recruit wraps himself in the new colors of the 4th Iraqi Division last month during a graduation ceremony at Forward Operating Base Danger.

Above right: Graduating Iraqi troops showed a lot of energy but not much polish during the ceremony. It remains to be seen, say American officers and trainers, if Iragis can transform themselves into an effective fighting force.

Left: A recruit from the 203rd Iraqi National Guard Battalion practices his marksmanship drills at a base near Ad Duluiyah, Iraq, under the guidance of instructors from the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment.

ABOVE LEFT AND RIGHT: PHOTOS BY TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

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men from rural areas told training would last two weeks instead of four, and that they can go home in the afternoons, Brown said.

Trainers worry soldiers motivated by money, not pride in the country, "may not give 100 percent effort in training which may cost them their lives in com-bat," Brown added Brown added

Plus, the recruits who do turn into "super, squared-away sol-diers" end up in Iraqi units with no real non-commissioned officer corps and no chain of command an environment that sometimes punishes rather than en-

courages initiative, Brown said. Despite all the start-up glitches, the trainers agree they're see

ing steady progress. There are plans for advanced NCO training comparable to Pri-mary Leadership Development Course. But there is nothing similar to large-scale field exercises such as the National Training Cen-

ter at Fort Irwin, Calif. Much is left up to American units who coach and mentor the Iraq soldiers as they integrate into units fighting alongside U.S.

With limited time resources and training infrastructure, trainers at The Island have to settle for producing "the best soldiers we can," Brown said. That's not merethe new policy mandate out of Washington, trainers say

'That's the only hope for the future of this country," Brown said.
"The future of Iraq is right here." E-mail Terry Boyd at: boydt@mail.estripes.osd.mil

Finding stability, good leadership

FORWARD OPERATING BASE DANGER, Iraq First they were the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps. They didn't fight. Then they were the Iraqi National

Guard. They didn't fight.
U.S. officials are now hoping the third time is the charm, with the goal of Iragis taking the lead on security - and American troops in the background as the focus turns to standardizing training across the country

Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, former 101st Airborne Division commander, is NATO Training Mission Iraq commander, in charge of standardizing training and establishing advanced training institutions. including an Iraqi War College

Recent developments include On Jan. 6, the traditional Iraqi Army Day, U.S. officials stood up nine divisions across central and northern Iraq, from Tikrit to Kirkuk to Sulimaniyah. Under the Iraqi army structure, a full division is about 15,600 men, and a battalion is 896 soldiers, similar to the U.S. Army, said Maj. Steve Maranian, Iraqi Security Forces coordinator for the Würzburg, Germany-based 1st Infantry Division

■ As of January, there were about 56,000 Iraqis in military forces organized into 90 battalions across

Iraq, according to Department of Defense documents. In the 1st ID's area of responsibility, the number of battalions increased to 20 from eight or 10 when the division arrived a year ago, Maranian said

■ At a facility near Tikrit, between 300 and 350 Iraqi soldiers graduate every 28 days, or about three battalions in one year. Smaller training centers in Iraq and Jordan graduate from 50 to 100 soldiers a month, U.S. officials say.

Materially, the situation has improved over the past few months. Iraqi soldiers are getting body armor, weapons, communications equipment and trucks, said Maj. Gen. John R.S. Batiste, 1st ID com-mander. Iraqi soldiers say — and Batiste agreed that communications equipment is essential for the



Finding dependable leadership is the most difficult part of building the new Iraqi army, says Maj. Gen. John R.S. Batiste, right. Commander of the new 4th Iragi Division Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Azziz al-Mufti. shaking hands with Batiste on Jan. 26, is an example of the best of the emerging leadership, Batiste said.

"Do they need more? Absolutely," Batiste said in an interview Sunday, just before the 1st ID trans-ferred its sector to the New York-based 42nd Infantry Division

Army officials say the Iraqi army is improving steadily and some units, such as the 205nd Battalion, fought well at Samarra last fall. The key to transforming the Iraqi force is improving leadership, Batiste and Maranian said.

American commanders have replaced unsatisfactory officers and some soldiers, "but that's the excep-

tion, not the rule." Maranian said. Lt. Gen. Abdul Rahman Azziz al-Mufti, commander of the new 4th Iraqi Division based in Tikrit, is an example of the best of the emerging Iraqi military

leadership, Batiste said. 'He seems to be a hell of a guy," Batiste added. That force must now prove itself to the Iraqi peo-

ple, who have more confidence in American forces But, Batiste contends, "the Iraqi army has always been — and is still — the most respected institution

- Terry Boyd

IN THE WORLD

Iran calls for alliance against U.S., Israel

BY NASSER KARIMI The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran on Thursday urged regional countries to create a powerful alliance and remain vigilant in the face of "U.S. and Israeli plots," a call coming a day after Syria and Iran declared they would form a unit-

ed front in the face of any threats. The United States has recently escalated its criticism of both Syria and Iran, demanding that Syria withdraw its troops from Lebanon and accusing Tehran of running a covert nuclear weapons program

The United States has also said both countries need to do more to prevent insurgents from traveling to Iraq from their territory.

On Thursday, President Bush said that Syria is "out of sten with other nations in the Middle East and said the United States will work with other countries to

Myers: New conflict would strain military

Stretched thin in Iraq, the U.S. military would have trouble responding as quickly and effectively as commanders would like if it had to go to war in Iran or North Korea, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told Congress on Wednesday, according to USA Today.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers said a sudden military crisis in one of those two nations — both of which are resisting U.S. demands that they give up nuclear programs — would likely force the Pentagon to remobilize Reserve and Guard components that have rotated home from Iraq to rest, USA Today reported in its Thursday editions.

In addition, because of the current strain on U.S. forces, it would take longer for U.S. troops to respond to a crisis in Iran, North Korea or some

pressure Damascus to remove its

Iran's powerful former Presi-

dent Hashemi Rafsanjani, speak-

troops from Lebanon.

her major conflict than U.S. battle plans call for

Myers told the House Armed Services Committee. "The timeliness of our response might not be totally consistent with what the combatant commander wants and so forth " the naner renorted Myers as saying.

Myers and other senior military officials have acknowledged that U.S. forces are stretched by de-ployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have never acknowledged in public, however, that that could result in having to compromise plans for an-

Under Defense Department doctrine, the military must be able to simultaneously fight and swiftly defeat two enemies in two different parts of the world. One of those conflicts can be an enduring

one, such as Iraq. "We can still do that," Myers insisted.

ing after meeting Syrian Prime Minister Mohammad Naji al-Otari, said strengthening relations between Iran, Syria, Iraq,

Lebanon and other Islamic states in the region was of great importance, the official Islamic Repub lic News Agency reported

their people to create a powerful alliance through close cooperation.

Rafsaniani, who is widely expected to run in Iran's June presidential elections, said that the United States and Israel were trying to create divisions among the region's countries, which he said must "stay completely vigilant vis- a-vis the U.S. and Israeli plots in this regard."

Al-Otari was quoted by IRNA as saving that Israel was "the source of instability" in the Middle East and that Syria would continue supporting the Palestinians and Lebanese in their struggle. On Wednesday, Syria and Iran,

both facing pressure from the United States, said they will form a united front to confront possible threats. But later that day the Syrian ambassador to the United States said that "we don't need an against the United States" in an interview.

TOKYO — Japan and the Unit-

Five killed in Thailand bomb blast

BY SUTIN WANNABOVORN The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — A powerful car bomb near a tourist hotel killed five people and wounded more than 40 in insurgency-wracked southern Thailand late Thursday, police said, as the prime minister threatened to "lav siege" on villages that support Muslim separatists.

'This is the biggest bombing ever to occur in this region," said Narathiwat province's Gov. Pracha Tehrat, adding it was also Thailand's first car bombing.

The attack took place near the Marina Hotel in Sungai Kolok, a town in Narathiwat along Malaysia's border.

Police Lt. Col. Wej Suwannaraj said the bomb, which was planted inside a car, was likely triggered by mobile phone. Five people died in the blast, and more than 40 were injured, police said.

"This is a car bomb like in Iraq, which shows that those behind this attack are not ordinary," Pracha said.

However, when asked if foreign Islamic militants may have been involved, the acting army commander for the area, Maj. Gen. Kh wanchart Klaharn, said: "It is still unclear. It is like other similar attempts to cause disturhances in the south



A Thai policeman inspects a damaged car after a bomb exploded in Yala province on Wednesday At least five people were killed and more than 40 wounded from the blast in southern Thailand.

More than 650 people died in attacks last vear in the southern provinces of Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat — violence the govern-ment blames on a Muslim insurgency. Earlier Thursday, gunmen killed a Buddhist villager in Narathiwat's Ruesor district.

The scale and apparent organization of the violence has raised suspicions of foreign terrorist involvement. Thai authorities have acknowledged that the insurgents have had contact with regional terrorist organization Jemaah Islamiyah, but deny any significant foreign influence in the region.

But the size of Thursday's bomb, estimated to be 110-220 pounds, and the new tactics are likely to raise fears the insurgency is worsening. Previous bombs were smaller and often

placed on parked motorcycles.

Sungai Kolok town is popular with male tourists for its nightlife, and Thursday's bombing took place on a street with many onen-front bars

on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, said Ebetsu police spokesman Shinichi Watanabe Police believe the four died from carbon monoxide poisoning,

Watanahe said

TOKYO - Four people were

Mining still 'a good job' FUXIN. China - Two days after a gas explosion killed at least 211 people at the Sunjiawan mine in the country's most deadly mining accident in decades, miners in this northeastern city said

Tuesday that their biggest worry is making a living. Rescuers were still searching for six miners left missing by the blast, the government said. But despite the extreme hazards of the ob, miners belong to China's industrial elite, earning about \$3,600 a year - 10 times the annual rural average of about \$360. The nation-

al average is about \$1,000. "Everybody has to make a living and this is a good way to make a living." said miner Zhang Jun.

Asked if he'd want his son to work in a mine, too, he said, "Oh sure, it's a good job.

Three saved after storm pounds American Samoa 'We all need each other's sup

The Associated Press

PAGO PAGO, American - Rescuers saved three people found floating in open water after Hurricane Olaf struck the region with winds of 160 mph, and a search for more survivors was planned Thursday.

New Zealand and U.S. planes found the survivors Wednesday during a hunt for boats missing from a commercial fishing fleet based in the Samoan capital of

The Category 5 storm moved out to sea after passing within 60 miles of the Manua Islands, where wind and rain caused landslides and downed power lines.

The islands, part of American Samoa, were not hit as hard as forecasters had expected, and no major damage has been reported.

Olaf had gusts of up to 190 mph, and sent waves 30 to 40 feet high onto the shores of Ta'u, Ofu and Olosega, the National Weather Service said. The islands had a few downed powers lines, and the main island of Tutuila had two landslides

As the cleanup began, Gov. Togiola Tulafono urged the islands 2,000 residents to help each other however they could.

Olaf was expected to head toward the southern Cook Islands which suffered glancing blows from Cyclones Nancy and Meena in the past two weeks.

The last major hurricane to hit American Samoa and Samoa was Heta, which plowed through in January 2004.

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Case may point to wide spectrum of bird-flu symptoms

Researchers: Virus undetected until months after Vietnamese boy's death

BY TINI TRAN

The Associated Press

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Tropical Diseases in Ho Chi Minh

City, said he and fellow research-

ers believe the boy's case, which

HANOI, Vietnam - A young Vietnamese boy who died from bird flu last spring suffered from diarrhea before slipping into a coma but did not display the severe respiratory problems typically associated with the deadly virus, according to Oxford University researchers.

The findings, published in The 4-year-old boy Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, suggest that avian influenza's symptoms in humans are wider and more varied than originally believed. It also suggests that the total number of infections may have been underestimated. Bird flu has ravaged the poultis, or inflammation of the brain.

try industry in Asia and killed 45 Samples were taken from the people from Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia since the outbreak surfaced last year. A dozen peo-ple have died in Vietnam this Dr. Menno de Jong, with Oxford University's Clinical Re-search Unit at the Hospital for

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other cases with no respiratory symptoms have gone unnoticed.

"All the surveillance and focus has been on respiratory infec-tions in identifying potential bird flu patients," he said. "This reported case shows bird flu can present in a different way. At this noint we don't know whether this is a rare case or not, but we need to know the whole clinical spectrum of avian flu so we know how many cases we really have."

brought into the hospital in February 2004 with symptoms of fever, vomiting, diarrhea and convulsions before he fell into a fatal coma. His 9-year-old sister had died several days earlier with similar symptoms. The initial diagnosis for both was acute encephali-

boy, though not his sister. Months later, researchers examining encephalitis cases discovered the H5N1 virus in the boy's spinal fluid, throat and feces. His death was reclassified as a bird flu case in November

The boy's case also marked the first time that the virus was found in human feces, a major concern since it suggests a possible route for human-to-human transmis-



A China-bound hovercraft is berthed at a Hong Kong pier Thursday after colliding with a Chinese freight boat in Hong Kong waters, injuring 102. The cause of the accident was still unclear Friday.

Boat wreck in Hong Kong hurts 102

HONG KONG - A China-bound hovercraft carry ing 165 people collided with a Chinese freighter in Hong Kong waters on Thursday, injuring 102 with two in serious condition, the government said

Ninety-five of the injured were discharged from hospitals, the Hospital Authority said. Two were in serious condition and five were listed as stable.

The cause of the accident was unclear, but Hong Kong was foggy Thursday. Visibility in the area of the collision was reduced, the Hong Kong Observato ry said in a statement.

The two boats collided in waters southwest of the

Hong Kong island of Tsing Yi, the government said earlier. The passenger boat, which was carrying 156 passengers and nine crew members, was traveling to China's Nansha Island and the city of Panyu

In a separate accident, a cruise ship collided with a small boat, sending two of its passengers overboard, the government spokeswoman said. The passengers were rescued and didn't require medical treatment, she said.



The Chubu Centrair International Airport. equipped with a 3.500-meter runway, a wedding hall and a public bath, officially opened in Tokyo on

Japan opens international island airport

TOKYO - Japan opened its third major international airport on Thursday, a gateway serving the central region near the city of

Chubu Centrair International Airport will initially have 94 daily flights to 24 cities in Japan and 271 weekly flights to 25 international destinations, the airport

The airport, built on reclaimed land in Ise Bay, is seen as a wel-come rival for Tokyo's Narita International Airport and Kansai International Airport near Osaka, which have been criticized for their high landing fees.

The new airport has a 3,500 meter runway and a wedding hall. It also is the first airport in Japan with a public bath, offering nanoramic views of the runway and Ise Bay.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koi zumi welcomed the airport's opening, saying it could become a model for public and private-sector cooperation.

"It will be run by the private sector and operate 24 hours. I hope that the airport will come up with unbureaucratic ideas and provide better service. I hope this will help vitalize the economy." he said.

The airport is near the site of e 2005 Aichi World Expo, which runs from March 25 through Sept. 25 and is expected to attract 15 million visitors.

Other regional airports in Japan, including Nagoya Airport operate limited international flights.

Among U.S. carriers serving Nagoya, Northwest Airlines Corp. moved its four daily flights to the new airport on Thursday. Next month, United Airlines plans to begin daily nonstop flights from San Francisco, American Airlines plans to begin service from Chicago in April. Continental Airlines Inc. began flying from Honolulu to Nagoya in December.

Germany 0-800-1826-224 China to push North Korea on talks 800-872-252

BELIING - China is sending a ton communist party official to North Korea this week, the government said Thursday, amid renewed efforts to get Beijing's longtime ally to resume stalled talks on its

nuclear weapons program.

Top negotiators from the United States and South Korea were in Beijing seeking China's help on persuading the isolated North to return to multination nuclear talks that were suspended in June

From The Associated Press



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IN THE STATES

Bush's Europe trip promising

The president's visit to Europe that starts Sunday holds the promise of better relations between the United States and European leaders for the simple pragmatson that disgruntled allies know they

have to work with him for four more years. Bush is unpopular in Europe for order ing the invasion of Iraq and pursuing what is widely seen as a foreign policy that ignores the views of other countries. Many leaders did not hide their hope that Democratic Sen. John Kerry would win the presidency in November.

Bush extended an olive branch at a news conference Thursday. He said he would re-assure Europeans "as we move beyond the differences of the past, that we can work a lot together to achieve big objectives.

Appeal in tobacco case

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department said Wednesday it will appeal a court decision barring it from pursuing \$280 billion from tobacco companies in a civil racketeering lawsuit.

The government said it will ask the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to hear the case after a three-judge nanel earlier this month said the government could not seek the money.

The 2-1 decision from the appeals court dealt a major blow to the government's attempt to hold cigarette makers accountable for decades of alleged deceit about the

dangers of smoking.

The panel decided that the 1970 civil racketeering statute under which the gov-ernment filed its case required forward-looking remedies, which did not in-clude "disgorgement," or the pursuit of \$280 billion the government claims the in-dustry earned through fraudulent activi-

The defendants in the lawsuit are Philip Morris USA and Altria, R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., American Tobacco Ltd., Lorillard Tobacco Co., Liggett Group Inc., Counsel for Tobacco Research-USA and the Tobacco Insti-

Social Security accounts

WASHINGTON - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan gave President Bush's plans for changing Social Security by using private accounts a modest en dorsement Thursday

"These accounts properly constructed and managed will create a sense of in-creased wealth" on the part of middle and lower income workers, Greenspan said in an appearance before the House Banking Committee

Greenspan, however, expressed fresh concerns about the costs of a transition and the impact on financial markets.

His worry: whether increased govern-ment borrowing — needed to help bring the accounts about — would boost a vari ety of interest rates from mortgage rates for consumers to borrowing costs for every-

Circuit City plane crashes

PUEBLO, Colo. - Federal investigators said the pilots of a Circuit City corporate jet were battling poor weather just before the plane crashed a few miles from an airport, killing all eight on board.

Though the cause of the Wednesday morning crash was not known, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Mike Fer-gus said the flight crew had been relying on the plane's instruments, which are use when weather doesn't permit visual land-

Circuit City said four of the victims were employees of the nation's No. 2 consumer electronics chains. The company said it would not release the names of the victims but that none were executives

The victims were the pilot, co-pilot and six passengers, Corsentino said. The flight originated in Richmond, Va., home of Circuit City Stores Inc.

From The Associated Press

Negroponte named intel director

BY KATHERINE SHRADER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Thursday named John Negroponte, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and currently the administration's top representative in Iraq,

to be America's first nation al intelligence director. Announcing the move, Bush said that Negroponte understands global intelli-gence needs because he's had a long career in the for-eign service. Bush also said that Negroponte will make decisions on the budgets for intelligence various

agencies.
"John will make sure that those whose duty it is to defend America have the information we need to make the right decisions," the president said

Bush said Negroponte's office will be outside of the West Wing because it's important that he be apart from the White "Nevertheless, he will have access on a

daily basis in that he'll be my primary briefer," Bush said.

Negroponte said if confirmed he plans to

"reform the intelligence community in ways designed to best meet the intelligence needs of the 21st century

He called the new job "the most challenging assignment I have undertaken in more than 40 years of government service

Bush named Lt. Gen. Mike Hayden, who has served as director of the Na-44He will have tional Security Agency since March 1999, as Negroponaccess [to me] te's deputy. He is the longest on a daily serving director of the secretive code-breaking agency basis in that and has pushed for changes, such as asking longtime agency veterans to retire he'll be mu and increasing reliance on primary technology contractors. "If we're going to stop the briefer.77

terrorists before they strike," Bush said, "we must ensure that our intellion the role of national gence agencies work as a intelligence director single, unified enterprise." Discussing the authority that Negroponte will have, Bush said that

"people who control the money, people who have access to the president generally have a lot of influence. And that's why John Negroponte is going to have a lot of influence. He will set the budgets.

Negroponte, 65, was at the United Nations when he was tapped to take on the delicate



dor to the United Nations, speaks after President Bush named him as the first national intelligence director Thursday.

job of transforming the U.S. presence in Iraq from that of an occupier to that of an adviser. Bush chose him for the job last April and he went to Baghdad hours after the handover of sovereignty to Iraq's interim government. Negroponte has also been ambassador to the

The director of national intelligence will hold a pre-eminent role in U.S. national security affairs and coordinate the work of all 15 U.S. intelligence agencies.

Philippines, Mexico and Honduras.

Defrocked priest guilty in abuse case

By Foster Klug The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - A defrocked priest was found guilty Thursday of molesting a former altar boy who shot and wounded him on a city street a decade later.

Jurors found that Maurice Blackwell, 58, who did not testify, molested Dontee Stokes, 29, when Blackwell was pastor of St. Edward, a Roman Catholic church in West Baltimore.

The jury convicted Blackwell of three of four counts, finding he abused Stokes in 1990, 1991 and 1992 but acquitting him of a charge relating to an alleged incident in 1989, when Stokes was 13.

Sentencing was scheduled for April 15. He could face up to 45 years in prison After the verdict, Stokes said he felt vindicated

"Mr. Blackwell was at no point on trial. It was all about me," he said. "The world can see that I'm not a perfect person, but I stand here right and he stands wrong Stokes had served home detention on a gun charge related to the shooting.

Blackwell declined to comment. Defense attornev Kenneth Ravenell said he felt jurors reached their decision on evidence they should not have heard, referring to detectives' references to "other victims," which the judge ordered stricken from the record.

"It's impossible for people to wipe clear what they've already heard," Ravenell said. He said he planned to seek a retrial and if that failed, to appeal that decision. On Wednesday, the jurors deliberated

five hours without reaching a verdict, sending a note to the judge saying they were unable to agree and asking how to proceed.

Judge Stuart Berger read them standardized instructions Thursday morning on the



Defrocked priest Maurice Blackwell, left. is escorted from the Baltimore City Circuit Court on Thursday by his attorney Kenneth Ravenell, right, in Baltimore.

importance of a unanimous verdict. They then deliberated about a half-hour more before reaching their verdicts.

Stokes had made accusations against Blackwell in 1993, but Blackwell denied the allegations and no other alleged victims came forward at the time. Blackwell received psychological treatment and returned to his parish, although he was barred from working with children and young adults

In May 2002, in the midst of the national scandal involving Catholic priests, Stokes shot Blackwell three times. In the aftermath, Baltimore prosecutors reviewed Stokes' old allegations and charged Blackwell with ahuse

Stokes, who testified he had an 'out-of-body experience" at the time of the shooting, was acquitted of attempted mur-der in December 2002 but was convicted on gun charges. He served 18 months on home detention.

Emancipation Proclamation goes on view

BY CARL HARTMAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation declaring the end to slavery goes on public view Friday as part of Black History Month celebrations

The document will be on display at the National Archives, where visitors regularly see the original Constitution and Declaration of Independence

The poor quality of the paper and ink on the final draft of the Emancipation Proclamation make it vulnerable to light, so it has been only occasionally brought out of storage. It was last seen on Jan. 19, 2004. the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

The proclamation issued in the midst of the Civil War on Jan. 1. 1863. said: "I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are, and henceforward shall be, free; and that the Executive Gov-ernment of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons."

The proclamation, issued in the midst of the Civil War, applied only to areas under the control of the rebel Confederate States of America. So it had no practical effect on any individual. Slave states which had not joined the confederacy, and areas of others occupied by the Northern forces, were exempted.

But it served the military purpose of making trouble for the South. It asked blacks to refrain from violence but encouraged them to seek the protection of Northern armies. It eroded support of the South by European governments avid for south-

Charges dropped against airline pilot

The Associated Pres-

BUFFALO, N.Y. - A United Airlines pilot who also flew for the National Guard has been cleared of charges that he lied on an application for a security clearance in a case that began when an acquaintance reported that he'd talked about crashing a plane into Wall Street

Maj. Robert Feneziani, 44, of San Diego, was arrested last

Terrorism Task Force of Western New York and pleaded not guilty to the charge of making false statements on a Defense Depart-

ment form Feneziani's attorney said the government agreed to drop the charge Wednesday after determining Feneziani's application

had been accurate. "What we wish is that they would have investigated before

arrested him," Mark Mahoney said.

Feneziani was not charged in connection with the alleged threat to Wall Street.

Mahoney said the pilot denied ever making such a statement. "We cannot fathom the reason

or motivation for including this career-stopping allegation in the [lying] charges to begin with, knowing that such a claim would catapult this case, and Maj. Feneziani, into the national spotlight," Mahoney said

"They never talked to me about anything," Feneziani said.

U.S. Attorney Michael Battle told The Buffalo News the investigation was continuing and the case could be sent to a grand jury. He declined to elaborate

Feneziani is assigned to the New York Air National Guard's 107th Air Refueling Wing in Niagara Falls

'Big Apple' no more

NEW YORK — Forget "The Big Apple." New York now wants to be known as "The World's Sec-

and Hame The city has filed an application to trademark the slogan "The World's Second Home," giving the city exclusive rights to use it

to promote business and tourism. The phrase is likely to come up often as New York makes its push

to host the 2012 Olympics. If the application is accepted, the city would have exclusive rights to attach the phrase to a list of more than 200 products and

services, according to Thursday's editions of the New York Times. No pranks allowed

McCOOK, Neb. - Two high schools turned down offers from MTV to film a re-creation of a class prank in which a group of students parked a car outside the door to the principal's office.

"It's not part of school life that

we need to promote," McCook Public High School Principal Jerry Smith said.

Smith told the cable television station the school would not par-ticipate in "High School Stories" because the 2003 prank was not part of the district's curriculum or goals for students' education.

After the rejection, Bieck, whose car was used in the prank, wrote the school board urging it approve the filming, saying the MTV visit would be "a great opportunity for exposure for the community of McCook and the McCook Public School System." The board declined.

Boxer on TV's 'The Contender' commits suicide



Police say Najai Turpin, of NBC's "The Contender," shot and killed himself Monday outside a gym.

BY DAVID B. CARUSO The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A promising young boxer who got the break of a lifetime when he was selected by NBC's upcoming reality TV program, "The Contender,' committed suicide.

Police said 23-year-old Najai Turpin shot himself in the head at 4 a.m. Monday while sitting with his girlfriend in a parked car out-side the West Philadelphia gym where he trained. Investigators were unsure why he took his life.

An NBC spokeswoman said the producers, cast and crew of "The Contender" were shocked and saddened by Turpin's death. The program, scheduled to debut March 7, will go on as planned.

Produced by reality TV mogul Mark Burnett, "The Contender' will follow the lives of 16 boxers competing for a chance at a million-dollar purse.

The episodes involving Turpin

had already been taped. Percy "Buster" Custus, a trainer who had worked with him since Turpin was 12, said the boxer had enjoyed his experiences with the show but seemed trou-

bled in recent weeks. He said Turpin abruptly left a training camp in the Poconos and returned home to Philadelphia, saying he missed his family

"None of us really know what brought this about," Custus said Tuesday. "You just want to see

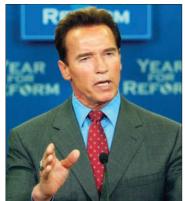
the boys come out of the neighborhood. From the time they're young kids, you really want to see them make it. And he was right there.

Turpin had a 13-1 record and had won a city Recreation Department title before he was picked for "The Contender.

"The episode in which he was most depicted will stand as a wonderful testament to who he was. It will not be changed," Burnett wrote in a statement released by

A tribute to Turpin will be added to the show. Viewers will also be offered a chance to donate money to a trust fund set up to Turpin's 2-year-old support daughter.





Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger answers a question during a news conference Tuesday in Sacramento, Calif. He was in Washington on Thursday promoting a proposal to redraw congressional state legislative districts.

Schwarzenegger's redistricting plan has GOP nervous

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's fellow Republicans are promoting a plan that would let him run for president. He's promoting a plan that could cost some of them their jobs.

As Schwarzenegger visits Capitol Hill on Thursday to meet with California lawmakers, his proposal to redraw congressional and state legislative districts could be at the top of the agenda for some Republican House members.

When he arrived at the Capitol, Schwarzenegger told reporters that he hoped to accomplish "as much as we can, I can guarantee you that."

Asked if he came with a wish list, Schwarzenegger said: "Oh yes, I have it in my pocket."

The governor didn't escape home-state political battles. Howas greeted by a full-page ad in the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call taken out by the California Nurses Association, with whom he's been fighting over nurse staffing ratios. "As soon as he got to

Sacramento, the governor put vital health policy up for sale," the ad said.

Schwarzenegger began his day meeting with House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis, R-Calif.

Schwarzenegger wants a panel of retired judges to redraw California's political map next year. That job is currently done by state lawmakers, and under the normal timeline wouldn't happen until after the 2010 census.

Schwarzenegger argues his plan would result in a more democratic process and more competitive elections. It could also lead to more moderate politicians, like himself, who would be easier for him to work with in Sacramento.

But some Republicans fear redrawing districts in Democrat-leaning California could cost the party seats in Congress. Even if the GOP managed to

Even if the GOP managed to keep the 20 seats it now holds — Democrats have 33 — powerful lawmakers who lead in the Republican-controlled House could find themselves fighting for their jobs before unfamiliar voters.

Nation-building included in Bush war budget bill

Aid requested for Afghanistan, Ukraine and Middle East

BY ALAN FRAM

WASHINGTON — Money for public opinion research for the new Ukrainian government, seven provincial Afghan hospitals and Palestinian community centers was included in President Bush's \$81.9 billion request for war funding and aid to U.S. allies, according to administration documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The materials, obtained Wednesday, also describe spending to start a law school in Afghanistan, smooth the issuance of Ukraine's driver's licenses and passports and build water treatment facilities in Jordan.

The papers, spotty in detail, describe how \$4 billion of Bush's proposal would be spent for a handful of countries, the Palestinians, and trouble spots like Sudan and Indian Ocean countries flooded by the December tsunami.

On Wednesday, two top House Republicans said lawmakers might remove some foreign aid propos-

als from Bush's latest package.
Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, and
House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry
Lewis, R-Calif., said lawmakers would scrutinize
the request for items that could be dropped until

The overall war and foreign aid bill Bush sent Congress Monday was dominated by \$74.9 billion for the Defense Department, mostly for its operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Half of the \$4 billion in foreign aid the documents describe would be for Afghanistan. That includes \$68 million to build 65 schools and seven technical training centers and provide vocational training, teaching training for women and scholarships

There is also \$25 million for the country's legal sector, and another \$69 million would be for seven provincial hospitals, 210 health clinics and other health projects.

There would be S28S million to train Afghan police, including providing 532 "embedded" adviselose, including providing 532 "embedded" advise-34 driving practice ranges and literacy training. Other Afghanistan expenditures would include \$300 million for the country's electrical system; \$82 miltion for water and farm projects; \$66 million to develop private businesses; and \$85 million for creating legal and electoral systems.

The \$200 million for economic and military aid for Jordan would include unspecified funds for school construction, job training, night vision equipment and other gear for border guards.

Ukraine, where free elections were held a month ago, would get \$60 million that the papers say would be largely aimed at helping pro-western President Viktor Yushchenko solidify his victory so his party can win a parliamentary majority in the scheduled March 2006 elections.

The \$200 million for Palestinians would include money for promoting trade, boosting agriculture, building schools and community centers, instituting democratic reforms and providing social services.

Lawmakers seek to speed digital television transition

BY GENARO C. ARMAS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers eager to speed the transition to digital television said Thursday the government may need to help millions of low-income Americans keep their analog TVs working

About 21 million homes, or 19 percent of U.S. households, get their TV signals using over-the-air antennas. They would be useless by the end of 2006 — the date Congress would like the digital shift to be complete — without also using a con-

Digital broadcasts offer sharper pictures than the traditional analog transmissions used in most TV sets. A digital broadcaster has the capability of transmitting high-definition images, or could offer multiple channels.

The December 2006 date isn't a hard deadline; according to law it could be pushed back until 85 percent of homes in a market can get digital TV. Nationally, only 12 percent of homes have digital sets, according to the Consumer Electronics Association

Two leading House Energy and Commerce Committee members — Reps. Joe Barton, R-Texas, the chairman, and Fred Upton, R-Mich. — said they might introduce legislation that would eliminate the 85 percent provision in order to speed the transition.

But to do that, Barton, Upton and other lawmakers said, Congress may have to ensure that people who use analog TVs with antennas can still use their sets. Nearly half of the 21 million homes that get antenna TV reception have incomes under \$30,000, according to the Government Accountability Office. At a hearing Thursday, witnesses told the panel that a box that could be hooked up to the TV could convert the digital signal into an analysis and the country of the transport of the t

A government program to help subsidize the cost of the boxes could cost between \$460 million and \$2 billion, depending on the price of the box and whether there would be income limits.

"If Congress did nothing, those households which rely exclusively on over-the-air television service could see their television sets 'go dark' at the end of the digital television transition." Unton said.

Congress addressing class-action suits

WASHINGTON — Congress sent President Bush legislation Thursday aimed at discouraging multimillion-dollar class-action lawsuits by having federal judges take them away from state courts, a victory for conservatives who hope it will lead to other lawsuit limits.

The legislation the House passed, 279-149, is the first of Bush's 2005 legislative priorities to win congressional approval.

The Senate voted 72-26 for the bill Feb. 10. The president has described class-action suits as often frivolous, and businesses complain that state judges and juries have been too generous to plaintiffs.

No contest in Philly baby kidnapping

PHILADELPHIA — A woman pleaded no contest Wednesday to charges she kidnapped a baby during a 1997 house fire and raised the girl as her own for six years.

Prosecutors have said that 42-year-old Carolyn Correa, desperate for a baby of her own after suffering a miscarriage, conspired to set the blaze and steal the 10-day-old child from her crib.

Correa pleaded no contest to kidnapping, interfering with parental custody and conspiracy and could get 25 to 50 years in prison. No sentencing date was set.

Correa is undergoing psychiatric evaluation.

Lighters on planes still permitted

WASHINGTON — Passengers on U.S. airlines could still carry butane lighters onto planes on Wednesday, even though a congressionally ordered ban was supposed to go into effect on Tuesday.

The Transportation Security Administration, the agency charged with prohibiting dangerous items on aircraft, offered no comment on why it missed the deadline.

The ban was ushered through Congress last year by Sens. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore. The TSA allows passengers to carry two butane light-

The TSA allows passengers to carry two butane lighters and four books of matches on board a plane.

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Hope persists for separating Romanian twins

BY JAMIE STENGLE The Associated Press

DALLAS - When Claudia and Alin Dogaru's twin daughters were born conjoined at the head a year ago, doctors told them nothing could be done

But the Romanian couple found renewed hope when they learned that Dallas surgeons successfully separated then 2-year-old Egyptian conjoined twins in 2003. Now the entire family is in Dallas as Tatiana and Anastasia undergo evaluation for possible sepa-

"If we can do nothing, then that will be so, but we will search for a second opinion," said Alin Dogaru,

The case is complex — the top of Tatiana's head is attached to the back of Anastasia's and each girl re-lies on the other for basic functions — so it could be a month or so before doctors know if surgery is even possible

Still, the separation of Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim has given doctors hope as well. The boys, who were also joined at the head, are now active

3½-year-olds, walking and talking.
"I think that we are more optimistic today than we were five years ago in the separation of craniopagus twins because of our experience with the boys," said Dr. Kenneth Salyer, a craniofacial surgeon and founder of the Dallas-based World Craniofacial Foundation, which brought both sets of twins to the United States

Born Jan. 13, 2004, in Rome, the girls were brought to Texas in October to be evaluated

The Dogarus, who live in Italy, are together again after Alin arrived in Dallas a couple of weeks ago to be with his wife, the twins and their 4-year-old daughter, Maria Ćristina



Alin Dagaru, right, plays Wednesday with twin daughers Anastasia, center, and Tatiana, who are conjoined at the head, as Tatiana is held by their mother, Claudia Dogaru, in Dallas.

Twins born joined at the head - called craniopagus twins — are extremely rare, occurring in about in 2.5 million births.

After the girls were born, doctors told them nothing more could be done, and the family was sent to their home in the southern Italian town of Calabria, where Alin Dogaru has served as a Byzantine Rite

Catholic priest for the past three years "No one in Italy could do anything," said Alin Dog-

Besides sharing a series of veins, there are other complications. Anastasia, who is larger than her sister, only has a small portion of her kidneys. So most kidney function is taken care of by Tatiana. And Tatiana doesn't eat much, relying on her sister for nutri-

Salyer said that he hopes for a decision on surgery in one to two months. From there, doctors must work on a separation plan. The plan for the Egyptian boys took more than a year to develop.

Judge: Keep baby on life support

HOUSTON - A mother fighting to keep a hospital from removing her infant son from the ventilator that has kept him alive since birth has won anothtemporary restraining order

The 1st Court of Appeals reinstated the order keeping 4-month-old Sun Hudson on life support Wednesday, just hours after a probate court judge lifted the order. A hearing was set for Tuesday.

The dispute centers on the legal standard over hospital care in Texas

Under state law, a hospital must continue care if there is a reasonable probability that another hospital will admit the patient.

Texas Children's Hospital officials have said no treatment can save Sun, and they want to remove him from life support. Hospital lawyers said state officials have contacted almost 40

facilities and none have been willing to care for infant.

But the boy's mother, Wanda Hudson, believes her son will recover. Her attorney argued there is a reasonable chance another hospital would take the child

Sun suffers from thanatophoric dysplasia, a genetic condition characterized by extremely short limbs, a narrow chest small ribs and underdeveloned lungs.

Infants usually are stillborn or die shortly after birth from respiratory failure. However, there have been rare documented cases of survivors

"He is slowly suffocating to death because his lungs lack the capability to support his body," the hospital said.

Hudson hasn't seen her son in more than a month but says she believes she communicates with him telepathically.

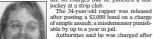
"Sun is going to live forever," she said. "As long as the Sun is in the sky, he will live. I don't believe in death."



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Kid Rock arrested at Nashville strip club

Kid Rock was arrested Wednesday by Nashville, Tenn., police on charges that he punched a disc



eyeglasses

a 3 a.m. altercation at Christie's Cabaret near downtown Nashville. "Inside the establishment there was a

squabble concerning, I guess, the selec-tion of music," said Nashville police Sgt. James Smith

Television footage from outside the club showed the DJ, identified as Jay Campos, with a red mark on his face and holding his broken

Nicolas Cage, wife expecting

Actor Nicolas Cage and his wife, Alice Kim, are expecting their first child, his publicist said Tuesday in Los Angeles.

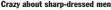
"I can definitely confirm that," said spokeswoman Annett Wolf. She declined to provide addi-

tional details The couple married in July.

It was the third marriage for Cage, 41, and the first for his new wife, whom he met when

he visited a Los Angeles restaurant where she was working as a waitress Cage, star of the recent hit

"National Treasure," won the best actor Oscar for "Leaving Las Vegas." He has a son from a previous relationship.



Katie Couric is going crazy for sharp-dressed men. Esquire magazine is launching a nationwide search for "The Best-Dressed Real Man in America," with the five finalists to appear on the "Today" show, co-hosted by Couric.

Beginning March 15, Esquire will sift through contestants in 10 U.S. cities. A panel of editors and "local celebrities" will

judge who is a cut above the rest. "Right now, men in the U.S. are showing more originality in

personal style than ever before," said Esquire Editor-in-Chief David Granger. The five finalists will appear on the NBC morning show in

September. Viewers will be able to vote for their choice through Esquire's Web site.

A long-awaited Grammy for N'Dour

"Perseverance always pays," said Youssou N'Dour of his first Grammy Award — for "Egypt," the winner for best contemporary world

music album "It was a spiritual album. ... I tried something different and have made a leap forward in my career," N'Dour was quoted Tuesday as telling Senegal's gov-

ernment-run Le Soleil daily. "This is the only thing I lacked in my

long career," he said. A superstar in his West African nation

of Senegal, N'Dour rose to prominence in the United States and Europe in the 1980s with his country's homegrown pop ular music, mbalax.

The music is a mix of the traditional drumming of Senegal's Wolof ethnic group, African-rooted Cuban sounds and American soul and rock

Introductions by Destiny's Child

Say Shaq's name. Destiny's Child will make the player introductions at the NBA All-Star game Sunday,

the basketball league an Country singers LeAnn Rimes and Big & Rich were also announced as the game's halftime performers for the game in Denver.

nounced Tuesday.

On Saturday, as part of the dunk contest and 3-point shootout festivities. Kelly Clarkson and the Goo Goo Dolls will perform



Destiny's Child



Rappers The Game, left, and 50 Cent perform at last year's Vibe awards in Santa Monica, Calif.

From drug dealer to No. 1

The Game's debut CD 'The Documentary' makes a case for West Coast rap's return

44 He brings the best outta me.

I owe everything to Dre. If

it wasn't for Dre, I'd

probably be dead

right now. 77

BY RYAN PEARSON The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Myth-making can be as important as musicianship in the gangster rap world

Tupac Shakur was known as the thoughtful son of a Black Panther activist. Eazy-E was a hustler who once sold tapes out of the trunk of his car.

And so The Game, who carefully studied their careers, introduces himself with this tale: Raised largely in foster care and beat up daily when he wore Blood red to Crip-dominated Compton High School, he still managed to nab a basketball scholarship to Washington State only to be kicked out for selling

drugs on campus. Uninterested in music at the time, he turned to stealing cars and other crimes, but was shot five times in 2001 when thieves invaded his drug-selling spot.

Twenty-three hours later, he says, "I woke up from a coma and I had the gift of rap. Appearances on ground mixtapes rapidly led to

a deal with super-producer Dr. Dre, who has tutored The Game and overseen his debut, "The Documentary." Released last month, it's expected to be among the year's top-sellers. The CD tops this week's Billboard album chart.

The release includes a collaboration with 50 Cent, "How We Do." Another song, "Westside Story," gives the short version of Game's life: "Sold crack, got jacked. Got shot, came back, jumped on Dre's back. Payback! Homie, I'm bringing C-A back."

The C-A in question is California, where the seminal gangster rap scene has slumped in popularity recently as Dre looked elsewhere for talent (finding Eminem in Detroit and 50 Cent in New York) while pioneers like Ice Cube eased out of music

The calculating, heavily tattooed 25-year-old Game, always ready with a snarl for videos and publicity photos, said he pieced together his style and persona by listening to Cube's "AmeriKKKa's Most Wanted," Tupac's "All Eyez On Me" and other rap landmarks.

"I tried to take everybody who I thought was legendary, who I thought had classic material, and combine 'em all," he said during a break between filming an independent movie and a meeting with Interscope Records chairman Jimmy Iovine.

"I took Jay-Z's cockiness and his swagger, I took 'Pac's ambition and his work ethic. I took [Notorious] B.I.G.'s wordplay and his metaphorical climate, I took

Snoop Dogg's gang-banging and California lifestyle. I took Kool G Rap and Ice Cube and their flow."

But Game, whose real name is Jayceon Taylor, doesn't even think of himself as primarily a musician.

"I consider myself to be a businessman," he said. "Doing music is a branch on the tree. The other branches are filmmaking and endorsements.

A Reebok sneaker deal is in the works, as is a movie,

"Millionaire Boys Club." Michael K. Williams (Omar from HBO's "The Wire") and Shari Headley ("Coming to America") star alongside Game in the gangster tale and love story he describes as "a cross between 'Menace II Soci-ety' and 'Love Jones.'" The film is currently in production; Game plans to shop it to studios as a theatrical release

Next up, the 6-foot-4 rapper nicknamed by his grand-

The Game mother for being "game" to try on his mentor, Dr. Dre anything as a child — is trying to get back into basketball. He went head-to-head with pros like Rafer Alston at

last summer's Rucker Park tournament in New York. And as with his rap career, there are no plans to start small: He's aiming for a 10-day NBA contract. 'You ask anybody about my game, you'll see," he said.

What Game won't do is turn on Dre. He slows down and drops his voice when speaking of the legendary pro ducer, whom he idolized along with other members of the pioneering Compton-based group N.W.A. When he was 10, he watched group members hand out gifts in his neighborhood and talk about his community on televi-

"It was just beautiful. Everybody was feeling them," he said.

"I just felt like Compton was all one big family. I really appreciated it.'

Now, having moved to a condominium in Beverly Hills, Game considers Dre both a musical mentor and a life-saver, for pulling him out of his dangerous Compton life with a recording contract.

"He brings the best outta me. I owe everything to Dre," he said. "If it wasn't for Dre, I'd probably be dead

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By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press ORLANDO, Fla. - Doctors are

reporting their first success at improving survival in men with advanced prostate cancer by using a treatment that trains the immune system to fight tumors

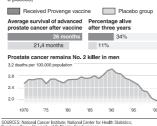
The approach is called a cancer vaccine although unlike traditional vaccines, it treats disease rather than prevents it.

In a study of 127 men with advanced prostate cancer, those who got the vaccine lived an average of 41/2 months longer than those who were given fake treatments. After three years, survival was 34 percent in the vaccine group and only 11 percent in the other.

"That's a huge difference. These are people who have relatively few options, with limited sur-vival," said Dr. Eric Small of the University of California in San Francisco, who led the study and

Survival boost for advanced prostate cancer

A cancer vaccine that trains the immune system to fight cancer is responsible for the first success in improving survival for men with advanced prostate cancer. Those who received the vaccine lived an average of 4 1/2 months longer than those who were given



will give results at a first-ofits-kind prostate cancer research meeting that was to open Thursday in Orlando.

The meeting is intended to bring more muscle to fighting the disease, which is the most common non-skin cancer in American men

About 230,000 new cases and 30,000 deaths from it are expected this year.

The vaccine, called Provenge, doesn't work like chemotherapy, and its side effects typically are only a couple days of fevers and

chills - like what people feel when they are fighting off a cold. The vaccine combines a protein

found in most prostate cancers with a substance that helps specialized immune system cells recognize cancer as a threat, just as they recognize and confront germs that enter the body

In the study, men treated with Provenge survived an average of 26 months compared with 21.4 months for those who received vaccine. After three years, 28 of the 82 men who got vaccine were alive but only five of the 45 in the placebo group were.

Study delivers good news for moms in painful labor

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Though medical authorities have dropped their reservations about giving women epidurals early in labor, some doctors and pregnant women still worry the painkiller's numbing effect will prolong labor and prompt a Caesarean section.

A study reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine may finally dispel those fears

"Women often feel guilty or weak when they request an epidu-ral early in labor. I hope this study will help women see that there is no shame in asking for an epidural," said lead author Dr. Cynthia Wong of Northwestern University in Chicago. "The message for women and their obstetricians and gynecologists is that there is no reason why women who want an epidural should not get it when they first request it."

More than 3.5 million women

go into labor each year in this country. Epidural use has greatly expanded over the past decade, to more than 1.5 million women annually.

Epidurals deliver numbing medicine through a skinny plastic tube that is threaded into the back, close to spinal nerves, mostly bypassing the mother's bloodstream More recent techniques sometimes called "walking epidurals," provide lighter doses, allow

women to push, and even enable them to walk throughout labor.

Doctors have welcomed epidurals as an alternative to "systemic" pain medicine through the bloodstream, which can leave a woman feeling nauseated and doped-up and even enter the baby's body

The Northwestern University study tested a type of low-dose pain relief known as a "combined spinal epidural." A small dose of pain reliever is first injected into ne spinal fluid, and the epidural is later fed through the same hole into a space a bit farther from the

In this study, 728 women in first-time labor were divided into two groups. One group received the spinal shot and then got epidurals when the cervix was dilated to about 2 centimeters. The other group initially received pain-re-lieving medicine directly into their bloodstreams, and put off epidurals until 4 centimeters if ney could tolerate the pain.

In the end, the C-section rate was statistically a tie: 18 percent in the early epidural group and 21 percent in the delayed group.

The early epidural group also delivered 90 minutes sooner than the other women, who averaged eight hours in labor. However, Dr. Gary Hankins, an obstetri-cian at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston who helped shape the medical guide-lines, said it is not clear if that finding would apply broadly.



YOUR MONEY

Get to know credit score before tying knot

BY EILEEN AMBROSE

The Baltimore Sun

If personal ads were pragmat-ic, you might see a pitch like this: Single female with 820 credit score seeks single male with 800-plus score who enjoys moonlit walks on the beach.

But in matters of the heart, peo ple are rarely practical. It's not unusual for financial opposites to attract, where someone with a good credit history marries a bad credit risk. Often these difference es go undiscovered until the two try to buy a house and are denied a loan - or at least one with favorable terms - because of a part-

ner's poor money management. "Unfortunately we don't always talk about financial issues. It's so unromantic," said Sheryl Garrett, a Kansas financial planner and author of "Just Give Me The Answer\$."

But romance can be quickly extinguished, too, if one partner's financial troubles spill over onto the other. David Diggs, a family lawyer in Baltimore, said money is the root of 80 percent of the di vorces he handles.

The key to preventing money troubles from damaging a marriage is to talk about finances before walking down the aisle. Only after finding out that credit histories are incompatible can couples begin to take the necessary steps to improve one partner's weak record while preserving the other's good credit.

Broaching the topic of finances isn't always easy.

Some financial planners and divorce lawyers recommend that couples exchange credit reports and credit scores before marriage. A score is typically a three-digit number used to predict the likelihood that a consumer will default on bills. It affects whether or not credit is extended to a consumer and under what terms. Top scores are usually in the 800s.

Looking at credit reports annually is a good idea, anyway, to discover any inaccuracies that could negatively affect how creditors look at you, said Holly Hunter, a financial planner in Portsmouth,

The big three credit bureaus Experian, (888) 397-3742; Equifax, (800) 685-1111; and TransUnion, (800) 888-4213 —

sell credit reports. A new federal law will entitle consumers to one free credit report a year. Granted, it's not romantic to

study your significant other's credit history. "It's much more romantic than having a divorce two years later," said Ryan Sjoblad, a spokesman for myFICO.com, which sells the widely used FICO credit score.

"A lot of couples go into marriage having no idea of what baggage the other person is carrying with them," said Sjoblad, who jokes that scores someday might appear in personal ads

But other financial experts say that requesting a credit report can put a partner on the defen-



Janice and Richard Aparis of Anahiem, Calif., wave to friends and family after getting married Monday at "a Little White Wedding Chapel" in Las Vegas. As unromantic as it sounds, financial experts recommend couple review each other's credit reports before saying "I do."

Instead, they recommend couples ease into the topic by discussing goals and how they can financially achieve them. Also, couples can attend financial seminars and classes together, or both can read and discuss the same financial book. Garrett recommends Ruth Hayden's "For Richer, Not Poor-- The Money Book for Cou-

What if one of you has a good financial track record and the other's is wanting? State laws vary on the financial obligations of married partners and on the division of property and debts in divorce. Couples with serious financial differences should seek the help of a professional.

But here are some general guidelines for dealing with mismatched credit histories

■ Keeping separate accounts. At least initially, maintain separate bank and charge accounts, and work on building up the spouse's weak credit record, advised Barry J. Dalnekoff, an Annapolis, Md., lawyer and chair of the family law section of the Maryland State Bar Association.

■ Improving a credit record. Credit scores often are lowered by late payments, so paying bills time can do a lot to improve a

habit of meeting bill deadlines. both spouses can set up a time each month where they stay home, order a pizza and sit down to review and pay bills, Hunter suggested.

Couples, too, can open a joint charge account with a low credit limit and pay off balances each month to rebuild the weaker credit record. Dalnekoff said.

Within two years, someone could see a noticeable improvement in their credit score, exnerts said.

■ Buying a home. This is when credit problems often come to

■ Hunter, a former loan officer with a bank, recalled asking a young couple for a list of the credit cards as she worked with them on a mortgage application. The wife handed a stack of credit cards under the table to Hunter "She didn't want him to see all the credit cards she had," Hunter

When one spouse is not credit-worthy, lenders often will try to see if the spouse with the good credit record can qualify alone for a mortgage. Both names, though, can be put on the title. For psychological reasons, it's often better for spouses to take out a mortgage loan together, even if they have to pay a higher rate because of one partner's weak credit score, Garrett said.

With on-time mortgage pay-ments, the poor credit record will eventually improve. And when that happens, the couple can refinance to get better terms. Garrett

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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Boeing	1.00	23	53.92	51	+4.2
Computer Sciences		15	45.70	66	-17.2
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General Dynamics	1.44	17	105.35	55	+1.7
General Electric	.88	23	35.22	17	8
Halliburton	.50		42.46	+1.10	+8.2
Harris Corp.	.48	28	65.69	01	+6.3
Allied Signal	.83	23	38.49	35	+8.7
L-3 Communications	.50	21	73.30		+.1
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Rockwell Intl.	.66	23	59.98	+.42	+21.0
Sequa Corp.		36	60.20	+2.40	-1.6
Texas Instruments	.10	25	26.09	+.05	+6.0
Textron Inc.	1.40	30	76.89	+1.42	+4.2
United Technologies	1.76	19	102.85	+.52	5



EXCHANGE RATES

South Korean won (Feb. 17)1,000.00
Euro costs (Feb. 17)\$1,3385
Dollar buys (Feb. 17)€0.7471
British pound (Feb. 17)\$1.94
Commercial rates
Bahrain (Dinar)0.377
British pound\$1.886
Canada (Dollar)1.2364
Denmark (Krone)5.705
Egypt (Pound)5.8116
Hong Kong (Dollar)7.7994
Hungary (Forint)187.55
Iceland (Krona) 62.145
Israel (Shekel)
Japan (Yen)105.36
Kuwait (Dinar)
Norway (Krone)6.406
Philippines (Peso)55.03
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)1.6403
South Korea (Won)1.026.10
Switzerland (Franc)1.1873
Thailand (Baht)38.37
Turkey (New Lira)1.4045
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PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

Discount rate	3.51
Federal funds market rate	2.51
3-month bill	2.51
30-year bond	4.5
Sources: The Associated Press, I	Bank o
America	

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Wedding gift expenses

MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Celebrating the marriage of a friend, relative or colleague can be expensive even if you don't include the costs of travel and accommodation.

You might begin by giving an engagement gift. Then, there's the shower, bachelor and bachelorette parties and the ceremonial itself

Don't feel the need to plunge into deep deficit for every wedding you attend or turn down invitations to avoid financial embarrassment, advises Jodi R. R. Smith, author of "The Girl's Guide to Social Savvy." Many people mistakenly believe that what they spend should be equivalent to what the bride and groom are anteing up per person for the wedding, says Smith, but that just doesn't hold true.

What you give should be based on just two things: your budget and your relationship with the couple.

To spend appropriately: Don't be limited by the couple's registry. You don't have to buy something there, especially if the items left are pricey. Try thinking about the modest things couples don't always register for, such as a basket with cookbooks and miscellaneous cooking uten-

Pick and choose which prewedding events vou attend. You're not required to attend or bring a gift to - them all.

Consider a cash gift. There's no polite way for the couple to ask for cash; however, many newlyweds would be grateful for money that they can put toward a down payment for a house or car (or any necessary household items they don't re-

Try a more personal gift. If you know the couple likes to dance, why not sign them up for salsa lessons? You also might contribute something for their honeymoon, such as surfing lessons if they're going to Hawaii.

SATURDAY EVENING / FEBRUARY 19, 2005

MOVIES • SPORTS

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6	AFN-P	Headline News	•ESPNews	According to Jim Jim resents his re- placement. (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	Half & Half Big Dee Dee goes into labor. (CC)	Wife Swap "Bittner/ tured, disciplined far ous, junk-food-loving ers. (CC)	mily and a boister-	Law & Order "Parat former inmate at Ab suspected of murde	u Ghraib prison is	Headline News	Saturday Night Liv		
7	AFN-ATL	That's So Raven	Switched! "Sarah and Michelle"	Radio Free Roscoe (Part 1 of 3)	American Adven- turer	Access Hollywood	(CC)	●WWE Raw		According to Jim (Part 2 of 2) (CC) Half & Half (CC)		Wife Swap "Bittner/Reimers" (CC)	
8	NEWS	VS Hardball With Chris Matthews		The O'Reilly Facto	r (CC)	(CC) Dateline NBC (CC)		CNN Saturday Mor	ning (CC)	Economy Watch Current state of the economy; indicators; news.		CNN Saturday Morning (CC)	
9	SPORTS	To Be Announced		SportsCenter		To Be Announced				,	SportsCenter		
10	SPEC	What Not to Wear 1 sweats.	Crissa" Mother dons	The Bachelorette (CC)	Tru Calling "The Lo comes trapped in a ing to save a gunsh	day when attempt-	1-800-Missing (CC)		Friends The father of Rachel's baby is named.	Seinfeld A friend wants sympathy from Jerry. (CC)	(CC)	Punk'd
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14	TMC	Bruce Willis, 'R' Nova "Treasures of t	to the edge of made the Sunken City' An	ness. 'PG-13' (CC) Antiques Roadsho	w "Omaha" Omaha.	treasure. 'PG-13' American Experier	nce "Fidel Castro" Cu	and friends ride out in		The Quiltmakers o	f Gees Bend The	inept Army recruits. I Austin City Limits	"Robert Randolph &
24	PBS	underwater explorati Egyptian city of Alex (5:15) **x "Bang I	andria. Bang You're Dead"	Neb.; railroad and to per dress. (CC) ** Bulletproof M	lonk" (2003, Action)	sination plots."(CC)	(:45) Black Film-	Boxing Zah Judah	vs Cory Spinks Co	modern lives and hi makers of Gee's Be rv Spinks battles Zat	nd, Ala.	the Family Band' Pe	" (1992) Larry Fish-
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27	A&E	Brandy tries to trans into an erotic dancer	form a housewife	the Run' A football murder of his girlfrie	player is linked to the	arson investigator a his wife. (CC)	ccused of strangling	The Paper Route' A solve her mother's n	woman helps to	threatens the popul		Killer* Innocent peop	ple confess. (CC)
28	DISC	To Be Announced		Storm Warning!		Anatomy of Disast				To Be Announced		Junkyard Wars (CC)	
29	TFC	TV Patrol (In Taga- log)	Magandang Gabi,	Bayan	Home Along the Airport	(:15) Kontrobersya	ı	News	Mtb, Ang Saya Say	ra .	(:45) Ek Channel	i .	
30	CNN-I	Lou Dobbs Tonight		People in the New	5	CNN 25 'Health and tial moments and pe	d Medicine" Influen- ersonalities.	CNN Saturday Mor	ning		House Call With Dr. Sanjay Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning (CC)	Open House (CC)
31	GOLF	•(4:00) European F Malaysian Open T	hird Round.	●Golf Central	the 1982 Nissan Op		Weekly	Round. From Kuala	Lumpur, Malaysia.		Golf Central	•European PGA G Malaysian Open T	Third Round.
32	TLC	C Avenue" A choice of three different IGeney		Town Haul 'Amazir Genevieve takes on gains Dollar Store.	the Amazing Bar- N)	Moving Up "Color-Blind Architects" Putting a couple's architectural knowledge to work.		Trading Spaces "Savannah: Maupas Avenue" A choice of three different rooms to redecorate.		Town Hauf "Amazing Bargains" Genevieve takes on the Amazing Bar- gains Dollar Store.		What Not to Wear "Erinn" (CC)	
34	TOON		He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	Toon-O-Scope	Xiaolin Showdown	Teen Titans	Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends	Movie			Evil Con Carne	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?	
35	ANPL	Africa's Secret Sev	(-)	The Predator's Story (CC)		Survival Guide: Serengeti Winners must have the edge to outwit and out- power their rivals.		Africa's Secret Seven		The Predator's Sto		King of the Jungle ics an elephant's me	emory wins.
36	сом	Chappelle's Show Wayne Brady. (CC)	Chappelle's Show (CC)	(CC)	Drawn Together Trouble in paradise. (CC)	Shorties Kathleen Madigan. (CC)	Distraction Con- testants encounter nudists. (CC)	Wayne Brady. (CC)	Chappelle's Show (CC)	comic's first concert	film discusses the a		
40	NGC-A	Devils of the Deep		Toyota World of Wildlife "Secret World"	Insects From Hell "Stings and Claws" Scorpions.		ections Understand- culture and behavior	Animal Olympians	Animal Olympians	Love Market in the Clouds	-	Built for the Kill "C creatures struggle to reef.	o survive in a coral
42	SPIKE	(5:00) ★★★% "The I Reynolds, Eddie Alb	Longest Yard* (197- ert. Premiere. (OC)	4, Comedy) Burt	The Playbook	 WWE Velocity Sch started on the road 	heduled: getting to WrestleMania.	World's Worst Spo	rting Disasters	Sports Illustrated's Swimsuit Special	40th Anniversary	By the Numbers	Real TV
43	FOX	That '70s Show Kitty redecorates the basement.	That '70s Show Red taps Kelso for film role. (CC)	The Simpsons A brief history of the Simpsons. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry's had enough of a "friend." (CC)	Cops Passenger tries to swallow crack. (N) (CC)	Cops Officers in- vestigate an armed robbery.	America's Most Wa Fights Back Recon an unidentified wom	structing the face of	News	Fox Rox	Mad TV Terry Brads Jimmy Johnson; Ho Borstein; Seth Gree	wie Long: Alex
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46	COURT	I, Detective	I, Detective	Cops Seattle drive- by shooting investi- gation. (CC)	Cops Seattle gang- related shooting; assault	Forensic Files Forensic odontolo- gist	Forensic Files The worst U.S. arson spree.	Psychic Detec- tives	Psychic Detec- tives	Dominick Dunne: I Justice "Woodward "The Two Mrs. Gren	"The truth behind	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice
48	STR-WLD	Roswell (CC)		Dark Angel (CC)		oTNA Wrestling		World's Worst Driv Tape 2 (CC)	World's Worst Drivers: Caught on Tape 2 (CC)		Cops (CC)	The Kumars at No. 42	Goodness Gra- cious Me (CC)
50	LIFE	* * "A Friendship t Megan Ward. Two su	to Die For" (2000, S ultry friends plot to m	Suspense) Linden As nurder one's rich hust	hby, Kristin Minter, band. (CC) (DVS)	Strong Medicine "A Andy meets the tee Milo. (CC)	A Dose of Reality' nager who killed	* * * "Extremities' wid. An assault victi	' (1986, Drama) Farr m learns her assaila	ah Fawcett, James F nt knows her address	lusso, Diana Scar- i. (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program
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53	HIST	The Crash of Flight		no-d	Broken Wings Hista and aviation experts	orian Pat Macha tean to investigate plane behind the twisted r	ns up with forensic crashes and piece	Days That Shook to		The Crash of Fligh	t 191 (CC)		Broken Wings (CC)
57	STR-MV	(5:45) * "Joe Dirt" Daniel, Dennis Mille sonal tale of woe.	(2001, Comedy) Da r. A mullet-headed ja	vid Spade, Brittany initor relates his per-	(:25) * * "Kaena: T Kirsten Dunst, Richa		3, Fantasy) Voices of luston. Animated. A	*** "Drumline" (Jones. Rivalry betwe	2002, Comedy-Dram sen two drummers th	a) Nick Cannon, Zoe reatens a college ba	Saldana, Orlando nd.	* * "Phenomenor John Travolta. A smi gifted with amazing	all-town mechanic is
58	ADV 1	(5:30) Pumori: Lit- tle Sister of Ever- est	Into the Unknown "Too Tired"	Next Wave Jungle tattooing traditions studied.	•X Power Climbers of the world's fifth hi	journey to the peak	Game for It	Pumori: Little Siste	er of Everest	Into the Unknown "Too Tired"	• Adventure Challe cave passages in a side.	nge Searching for	Extreme Ironing
59	MTV		The Real World Shavonda consid- ers confessing.	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	The Ashlee Simp- son Show	The Ashlee Simp- son Show	My Super Sweet 16	Making the Video "50 Cent"	Making the Band II Dylan misses concerts.	Making the Band II The band's ego increases.	Making the Band II	Making the Band II Chopper's ego grows.
60	NICK	Jimmy Neutron:	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Drake & Josh Babysitters' charge disappears. (CC)		Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide (N)	Drake & Josh Grammy stays with the boys.		The Amanda Show Josh and Drake's coup.	Full House Jesse feels he's not smart enough.	Full House D.J. baby-sits a terror of a boy. (CC)	of Bel-Air School	The Cosby Show Rudy discovers tap dancing. (CC)

JAPAN TV

Afternoon

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 1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Noh & Kyogen
 1:00 Soccer: A3 Nissan Champions Cup —
 Suwon Samsung Bluewings F.C. vs. Yoko-hama F. Marinos (4)
 1:50 Japan Rugby Championship Semifinals
 (5) (1) 1:55 All Japan College Ladies' Ekiden (mara-thon relay)(12) 4:30 Between the Lions (3) Evening 7:00 News (1)

2:20 NFL Football (4) 3:20 Korea Movie (2002): Champion (1:34)(12) 3:27 Classical Music (1)

JAPAN TV-BS7

- Morning 6:10 World News 7:10 World News 8:10 World News Hour 9:10 World News Hour 10:10 World Reports (r)
- 11:10 X-Games 11:50 CNN News

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4:40 Football Mundial

4-07 Fotball Mundial
Fevening.
6-10 Mar Dead In Iraq.
7-10 Nordic Soling World Championship:
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9-10 CNN Nova.
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JAPAN TV-BS11 Afternoon 3:00 International Orchid Exhibition 2005 Evening

7:00 NHK News 1:10 Czech-British-French Movie (1996): Kolya (1:50)

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Morning 8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investiga-tion – Milami 2 Afternoon 12:55 U.S. Movie (1998): What Dreams May Come (1:55) 2:50 U.S. Movie (1999): Sleepy Hollow (1:50)

250 U.S. MoViet (1999): Steeply Hollow (120) Evening 800 U.S. Movie (2003): Conflidence (1:39) 12:00 TV Series: Friends the Finale No. 231 12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City 1:00 Canadian Movie (2002): Bilss (1:34) 4:20 U.S. Moviet (2003): Do or Die (1:35) 5:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Española

MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 8:00 Classic '90s 9:00 Japan Chart Top 30 Afternoon 12:00 Music Download Chart Top 10 1:00 World Chart Express Supported by

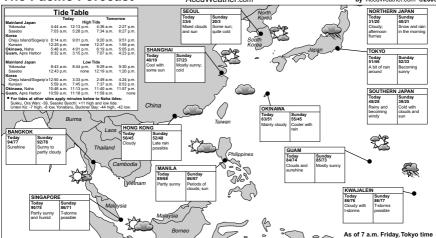
- 1:00 World Chart Express Support Honda 3:00 Pimp My Ride 3:30 Faking the Video 4:00 On-Air Chart Top 30 Evening 7:00 Consensus: Going Under Ground

- 7.00 Consensus: Going Under Gro 7.30 Screen 8:00 Plimp My Ride Special 10:30 Top Choice 11:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 10:00 Plimp My Ride 1:30 Check the Rhyme 2:00 Faking the Video 2:30 Rock On 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

Monday: Partly sunny, high 42, low 32. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 42, low 33,

KADENA

Monday: Rain, high 55, low 47. Tuesday: Rain, high 60. low 57.

SEOUL

Monday: Mostly sunny, high 22, low 9. Tuesday: Snow hinh 26, low 16

MANILA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 68. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 89, low 71.

HAGATNA

Monday: Periods of clouds and high 85, low 75. Tuesday: Partly sunny.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY F	IIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	55/38	Los Angeles	72/57
Amarillo	50/33	Little Rock	56/34
Anchorage	36/20	Louisville	46/24
Asheville	47/23	Miami	81/62
Baltimore	46/25	Milwaukee	20/6
Birmingham	56/27	Nashville	50/26
Bismarck	26/7	New York	41/26
Boise	42/24	Omaha	48/18
Boston	41/26	Orlando	81/50
Brownsville	75/61	Philadelphia	43/25
Buffalo	28/14	Phoenix	73/55
Burlington	29/15	Pittsburgh	33/15
Charleston, St	C 63/34	Portland, OR	55/32
Charlotte	56/28	Portland, ME	38/18
Cleveland	29/16	Salt Lake City	43/26
Columbus, OF	34/16	St. Louis	42/23
Duluth	7/-9	San Antonio	57/49
El Paso	61/44	San Diego	70/58
Hartford	40/24	San Juan	81/70
Helena	41/11	Tampa	77/50
Indianapolis	32/17	Tulsa	54/32
Jacksonville	71/38	Washington, D	C 47/24
Kansas City	48/22	Wichita	51/32

Saturday, February 19



high 87, low 75.

U.S. Extended Forecast

As a large storm system off the California coast moves inland on Saturday, more rain will soak the state as snow falls over the mountains Rain and mountain snow will also impact the Four Corners region. The additional rain on any already saturated grounds may cause flooding problems. At the same time, a bit of rain will dampen eastern Texas and Oklahoma as Gulf of Mexico moisture flows into the region. An area of high pressure will provide dry weather across the Southeast. A swift-moving cold front will trigger a few snow showers across western portions of Pennsylvania and New York; otherwise, a dry and chilly day is in store for the Northeast, A storm will move into the Great Lakes on Sunday.

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures							Saturday's World Temperatures								
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Camp Casey	34/2	Kunsan AB	35/13	Seoul	33/4	Auckland	69/57	Cairo	86/51	Kuwait	73/56	Oslo	31/23		
Christchurch	66/53	Kwajalein	86/76	Shanghai	40/19	Baghdad	78/56	Cancun	81/65	London	41/28	Paris	44/29		
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Woman hits police

SOUTH BEND — A 79-year-old woman has been charged with using her wooden cane to strike police officers who arrived at her home to check

St. Joseph County prosecutors said the officers to investigate a possible domestic abuse charge against Betty Chambers' live-in

caretaker, Thomas Holleman, 57 As the officers tried to handcuff Holleman, Chambers allegedly struck Officer Lonny Foresman over the head with her cane, prosecutors said

Foresman suffered a mild concussion while Sgt. John Pavlekovich suffered a separated shoulder and hand injury, said Jaimee Thirion, a spokeswoman for St. Joseph County police.
Prosecutors charged Cham-

bers and Holleman with resisting law enforcement and battery.

State whiskey banned MONTGOMERY — Ala-

bama's official state whis-key has been banned from sale in the state.

The Alahama Alcoholic Reverage Control Board notified Conecuh Ridge Distillery that its state license had been revoked be-cause of liquor law violations by its founder. The Legislature is in the process of repealing Conecuh Ridge's designation as the official state whiskey.
The Trov-based company has

been in turmoil since founder Kenny May pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges involving illegal sales, including selling a case of whiskey to an 18-year-old girl. Alabama's legal drinking age is

The Alabama Legislature voted last year, over Gov. Bob Riley's veto, to make Conecuh Ridge Alabama's "official state spirit The product is made in Ken-

tucky, but May asserted that it was based on a recipe created by his father, Clyde May, a famous Alabama bootlegger

Poor may lose housing

MA BOSTON — About 4,700 of the state's poorest citizens would be at risk of losing their state-subsidized housing three years, and many would be required to work while receiving housing benefits, under a proposal in Gov. Mitt Romney's budget plan.

The administration said the three-year limit on people who participate in the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program is conent with Romney's emphasis on helping the poor become self sufficient, but critics say the plan does not take into account state's expensive housing market.

The voucher program is an alternative to public housing in that it allows recipients to pay for housing on the private market, where rents average \$1,300 for a two-bedroom apartment in Bos-

Man/Boy Love raid

CA LOS ANGELES — Seven members of the North American Man/Boy Love Association, including two teachers, were arrested in Southern California and charged with allegedly plan-ning to travel to Mexico to have sex with boys, authorities said.

An eighth man was charged



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with distributing child pornography, said FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller.

They were charged Monday, following a sting operation in which each man allegedly paid hundreds of dollars to an undercover agent to arrange the sex, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said during a news confer-

ence Monday. The men had allegedly traveled from their home to Southern California with the expectation of boarding a boat to Ensenada, where they were told sex with the boys was awaiting them at a bed-and-breakfast, Eimiller said. Through the undercover agent, she said, they requested that the boys be as young as 8 years old.

NAMBLA, which was formed in 1978 and advocates relationships with men and boys, was not charged in the case.

Dem. staffers charged

MILWAUKEE — Five Democratic campaign staffers — including the sons of a congresswoman and a former city official - were ordered to stand trial for allegedly vandalizing Republican get-out-the-vote vans on Election Day.

The five are accused of slash-ing the tires of 25 vans rented by the state GOP to drive voters and monitors to the polls. The felony charge carries a maximum pun ishment of 31/2 years in prison and a \$10.000 fine. Arraignment was set for March 4. The defendants include the

sons of Wisconsin Rep. Gwen Moore and former acting Mayor Marvin Pratt



That's gotta' hurt! Nathan Graves comes off his horse Tuesday night in San Antonio as he competes in the 14th performance of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo at the

SRC Center, Graves received no score for the ride

At a preliminary hearing, Levar Stoney and Opel Simmons, two Democratic presidential campaign workers sent to Wisconsin in the final weeks of the testified they were in the Milheadquarters when the five left just after 3 a.m. Election Day and re-

cited, excitable, kind of gleeful, laughing and kind of jok-

ing," Simmons said. Stoney said Michael Pratt, the former acting mayor's son, talked about slashing a couple of tires, and Moore's son, Sowande Omokunde, also talked about the vandalism. He said at least one had a knife; he could not recall which one.

Defense attorneys suggested Stoney and Simmons were also part of an alleged plan to plaster the GOP office and property with Kerry-Edwards signs and bumper stickers before polls opened

Prosecutors contend the five defendants came up with the tire-slashing plan after a security guard was posted at the GOP of-

He tried, but no dough!

CA RICHMOND would-be robber in a backhoe tried to rip an automatic teller machine from the wall of a bank early Monday, but did little more than make a big mess before fleeing empty-handed, police

said "The guy stole the backhoe from around the corner at a construction site and used the front scoop to try to take out the ATM,' said police spokesman Sgt. Enos

The robber heavily damaged the bank's exterior wall and destroyed the ATM, but "the safe appeared to be intact," Johnson

Homicide rate up

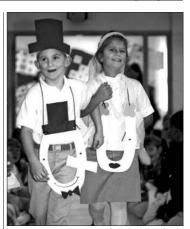
MD UPPER MARLBORO — Prince George's County law enforcement officials are concerned about a high number of homicides this year, a spokeswom-an for police Chief Melvin C. High said. Slayings in the county are up to 20 this year, including two people killed over the week end. Last year, the county regis-tered 148 homicides.

Sen. backs expansion

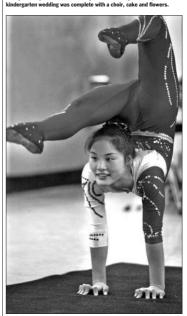
BOISE — Sen. Joe Stegner is pushing an expansion proposal for the Capitol that would add wings to each end of the century-old building. Another proposal to remodel the vacant county courthouse across the street and use it as an annex is so being considered.

Fire destroys bar

AL DAPHNE — A fire de-stroyed Judge Roy Bean's, a popular bar and concert venue that had operated since 1946. Singers Jimmy Buffett, Emmy Lou Harris and Jerry Jeff Walker were among those who per-formed at the old wooden building with a big fenced-in vard. where customers were greeted by a macaw and goat. Both animals survived the fire. The cause of the blaze wasn't immediately



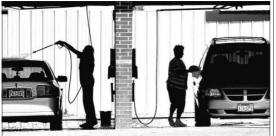
Dressed as the letter O Wedding by the letters kindergartner Seth Reid, leads the letter U, otherwise known as Danni Baham, down an aisle lined with their classmates during a wedding ceremony for the two letters Friday at Independence Elementary School in Independence, La. The



Kong Chunmei performs in front of Hart Limber lady Elementary school students Tuesday in Bakersfield, Calif. Chunmei is a part of the traveling China Star Acrobats Company from Mainland China and puts on shows all over the United States each year.



Artist's Work brings in big bucks In this photo released by Doyle New York, a partist Cassius Marcellus Coolidge, is shown Tuesday in New York. A pair of paintings from the famed series depicting dogs playing poker sold for \$590,400 at auction on Tuesday. The winning bid set a new auction record for Coolidge, whose previous to pasle was \$74,000 for a painting at a 50thely's auction in 1999, said Alan Fausel, director of paintings at Doyle New York, which handled the Tuesday sale. The winning bidder was a private collector from New York.



Shining their machines Patrons at a coin-operated car wash in Killeen, Texas, put the finishing touches on their cars as the sun blankets the area with midday light Tuesday.



Facing the Wall Excelsior Education Center student Cesario Lopez III, whose sister and broth rock-climbing wall during the Army of One Interactive Tour on Tuesday in Victorville, Calif. The tour visited the Victor Valley Community College campus for two days and featured interactive video games; a 3-D and audio interactive exhibit; and the rock-climbing wall.

Children recovering

INVERNESS—Seven children removed from a home amid allegations of torture are enrolled in public schools and adjusting to foster care, officials

They even have grown a little and gained a substantial amount of weight, Citrus County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Gail Tiernev said.

The children's health has rebounded since Jan. 27, when they were placed in foster homes in groups of two or three, Tierney said.

They have received medical checkups and detectives check daily on their welfare. The children began attending area schools last week.

Their schoolmates are aware of the circumstances and have been protective of them, Tierney said.

The children, ages 12 to 17, have been in state custody since late last month. Authorities say their parents, John and Linda Dollar, abused at least five of them, beating them, shocking them, yanking their nails out, confining them and leaving them malnourished.

The couple each face charges of aggravated child abuse and more charges are pending, officials said. They are being extradited from Utah, where authorities said they fled fearing arrest

Just a little 'blinky'

RI PROVIDENCE — A little magnetic "blinky," favored by teens and clubgoers, stirred up an intense, multiagency investigation because some Providence officers believed it was a sophisticated eavesdropping device planted inside the police station.

Three ranking officers took it to a businessman who deals in surveillance devices. When told it was a high-tech listening tool, the officers waited several days before turning it over to their union and the police administration. Poice Chief Dean M. Esserman was handed an envelope containing the device—now in pieces—and he immediately called the state police to investigate.

Over the weekend, the device went through state police laboratories in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut, plus the Boston bureau of the FBI. They all came up with the same conclusion: It's just a little blinky.

Guess what, you're dead

CA PLEASANTON — When word spread that Mary Lawson had passed away at age 84, no one was more upset than Lawson herself, who was very much alive and enjoying a historical novel on CD.

An employee at Lawson's doctor's office called to inform her that, according to the Social Security Administration, she had died Jan 11

So how had she managed to keep her subsequent appointments? The employee laughed, and so did Lawson — until she realized the pittalls associated with no longer being alive. She found her bank account frozen and her monthly \$832 Social Security

check missing. Her doctors were told they couldn't claim Medicare for a corpse.

After a few stressful days, Lawson was relieved to learn that she was officially alive. The government acknowledged the mistake, resurrected her and promised to fix any problems that had cropped up while Lawson wasn't really dead.

"I'm the healthiest ghost you've ever seen," Lawson declared.

Lowell Kepke, a Social Security spokesman, confirmed that Lawson had been reported dead but said it wasn't clear why.

New recycling campaign

RIO PROVIDENCE — A new and campaign will ask Rhode Islanders to reuse or recycle plastic grocery bags from retail stores. The Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp. says is spends nearly \$1 million a year picking up bags that blow out of trash delivered to a landfill isn and newspaper and campaign is aimed at persuading residents to help combat the problem.

Center seeks nurses

FAYETTEVILLE — Cape Fear Valley Medical Center is sending recruiters to Canada to help reduce its nursing shortage.

Five nurses from Canada have been hired and several more are interested, the hospital says. The effort has helped reduce 141 full-time openings as of last May to just 57 in January.

Financial help for city

CA SAN DIEGO — City officials hired Lynn Turner, a former Securities and Exchange Commission accounting chief, to help sort out San Diego's troubled to the commission and the commission of audits. The city is also contracting with Kroll Inc., a firm specializing in forensic accounting and tligation. San Diego has been hobbled by a pension deficit estimated at \$1.37 billion.

Justices skeptical

PHOENIX — Arizona Supreme Court justices expressed skepticism as a lawyer for the state argued that alleged racial profiling isn't a legal basis to challenge traffic stops. The court is considering whether minority drug defendants are entitled to have an expert appointed for pretrial proceedings to support defense claims of racial profiling in traffic stops on Interstate 17 in Yavapai County.

Cuts to reading program

COLUMBUS — The readour good in program that once was Gov. Bob Taff's top policy priority has been folded into a new reading office in the state Education Department. Taff's SSI billion budget proposal released last week did not contain funding specific to OhioReads grants, as the separate budget for supporting OhioReads' tutors also is being cut by 8 percent

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AAFES can't spin away taxes

A few days ago I read a letter to the editor ("AAFES often wins comparison," Feb. 8) that indicated Pacific Air Forces Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas sta tions are providing \$2 coupons toward nurchases of eight or more gallons of gas. Can anybody out there confirm this? I inquired about this policy on the AAFES Web site customer service page, but haven't received any response back from them. If it's true, why don't we get the same benefit here in U.S. Air Forces Europe?

I also noticed today on American Forces Network's "On Assignment" that an AAFES rep was discussing gas prices, and it appeared she was going over the reasons why we're paying more than the stateside average price for gas. Why does AFN need to do a spot on gas prices, when we all know that we're paying 40 to 50 cents of U.S. federal and state tax on gas here in Europe. Average stateside prices are based on after-tax costs. AAFES is supposed to be tax-free, but ask yourself if things are really as they seem.

A tax is a tax is a tax, no matter how AAFES reps spin the story.

Why can't AAFES just come out and say that it's basing prices on after-tax average prices? At least then we'd all know the true story, and AAFES could pull the commer-

> Master Sgt. Burl Stubblefield Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Mattis an honorable Marine

cials that tout "tay-free savings

As a Marine who served in Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom II, I am really getting tired of the zero defect mentality of the pencil pushers and paper shufflers. Lt. Gen. James Mattis is one hell of a combat commander and you can either follow his lead, which will save lives and instill high discipline and morale in his troops, or you can just shut up

This Marine is a combat veteran and leader. I do not care that what he said is not politically correct. I have seen enough of the "follow the leader" leadership from commanders who were 100 percent

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es-men. They were not good leaders and I never want to go to combat with them. Ask the Marines who are serving under

the command of Gen. Mattis what they think. You will get a lot of "Oorahs," just as it should be. There are too many ready to judge who have never been, and who never will be, in the position of Gen. Mattis. If you haven't walked in his shoes, then you have nothing to say, so don't!

As far as all the Islamic American roups being upset, too bad. If it really bothers them that much to live in America with the freedom that is being provided by men such as Gen. Mattis, no problem: They should go back to their own countries. If this letter upsets all the bleeding-heart liberals out there, I could care less. As long as Marines such as Gen. Mattis are leading the way, we will have a better way of life and a safer America Master Gunnery Sgt. A.R. Nichols (retired)

Camp Kinser, Okinawa

Carroll offers little for kids

In reference to the Feb. 16 article "S. Ko.

rean visits welcomed at Camp Carroll." (Korea edition only): I would like to ask when the post is going to concentrate on providing more activities for the families of the personnel assigned there?

Granted, this post is not accustomed to having a large group of family members living around it. But it should be fairly obvious to those in charge that things have changed.

The Taegu American School (a Department of Defense Dependents Schools institution) had to add an additional bus to the Camp Carroll route this year, because of the increased number of students living in the area. Yet there still are no family-oriented activities on a regular basis. If children want to participate in any kind of sports activity, they have to be transported to Taegu.

Occasionally, there is an activity that the children can participate in on Camp Carroll. But these are usually one-day, special events, such as the "Children's Christmas " held in December. This was nice, Party but it appeared to be more for the children of the surrounding community than for those of the personnel assigned to the post, as evidenced by the number of non-English-speaking parents and children, and that the majority of announcements were made in Korean rather than English.

I think it is great that the post wants to have improved relations with the surrounding community. However, I believe that the first thing to concentrate on is offering daily activities for the families assigned to it.

As a side note, in the notion of improved community relations, it would be really nice if the post management could get the area outside of Gate 4 cleaned up a bit. Possibly officials could request the local authorities to stop allowing vehicles to park in the area immediately around the gate, which causes a safety hazard for vehicles leaving the post. And maybe also put some pressure on the club owners to remove the profanity and images of individuals flipping someone off from the front of their establishments

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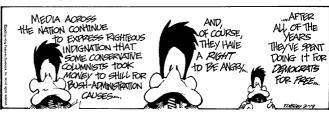






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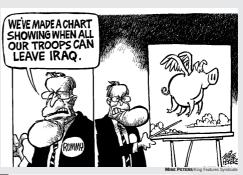




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J Horoscope

Your role in the world influences what you see in the mirror and vice versa. Though the Cancer moon brings awareness to the small solar system of our lives - the home environment and five most important loved ones who orbit our hearts - Mercury and Uranus agree to bring a glimpse of what we might do to enlarge our sphere of

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (February 19). You're an

inspiration to others this year. You come through for someone big time next month, and as a result, that person holds you in high esteem and shares his or her best with you. A graduation of some kind is featured in May, and you're on your way. Financial spikes come in April and August.

September brings the exotic to your door. Your lucky numbers are: 10. 5. 22. 40 and 2

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A

minor interference could hang you up big time if not dealt with squ So think ahead, and act quickly to clear problems while they are small Let friends know how you'd like to

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stick with that decision you made

long ago because it's noble to do so. Take a deep breath, and try to consider everyone's feelings. Sports are a lucky outlet bringing up your endorphin level and popularity level, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your life mission steers you through important choices. If you don't have

a mission statement, make one up. Someone asks for a loan, but what this person really needs is emotional support.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Change is healthy, but you'd never know it the way you're fighting tooth

and nail to keep things as they are! Let go. You're safe now - you really are! A new environment offers artistic inspiration

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Clarify goals before friends and authority

figures set you off on a tangent. Plan a trip without worrying about how you will fund it. Once your plan is in place, you attract the required funds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your charisma reaches far and wide



You'll be surprised at who responds to your charm now. Distant family matters may require attention. Singles could find themselves attracted to an older romantic prospect

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you're using your creativity, your achievements will be satisfying on many levels

Expect romance to be an ebb and flow. Do something that will meet both physical and spiritual needs - like voga or Tai Chi.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Remember that you're not the only sensitive one. Eggshell walking has its time and place - this is it.

When you are tired of battling the difficult moments of the daily grind, a kindly air sign helps out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People from the past will cross your mind, for no apparent reason

It's lucky to get in touch with one of these folks, especially if things ended badly. Focus on positive memories, and hope for the happiness of others

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Adventure awaits. Maybe you will find it just around the corner at your local mini-mart, or maybe it will take the form of an unexpected trip. You can go kicking and screaming or just go - the choice is always yours

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Worries are blown out of proportion

if you allow it. But if you concentrate on what is working well, you'll be able to re-create success again and again. The timing is perfect tonight for a romantic gesture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your healing gift is emphasized. You

can bring comfort to anyone who needs it just by being there. Reading keeps you in touch with the world at large. Someone vounger has wise words for you; listen up.

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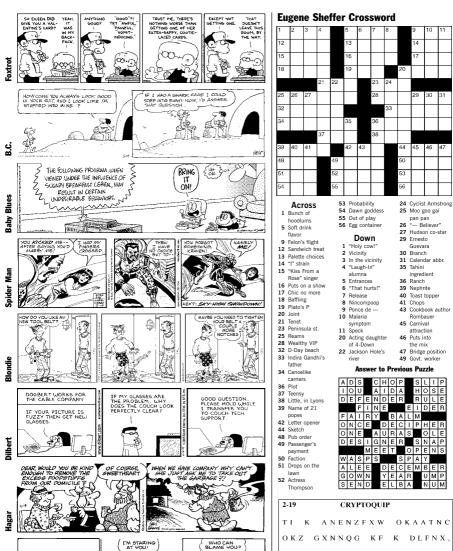
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J.B., what if

Potential wife seeking a free ride

Dear Abby: I'm going with a girl from Denver who tells me that when a couple travels together on trips, cruises, etc., they

share the expenses. But when they get engaged, the fellow should pay all expenses on all trips, etc. Is this what they do in Denver, or will I be taken advan-

tage of? - Needs To Know in California Dear Needs To Know The attitude you describe is not specific to one geographical area. You are being put on notice that the moment you put a ring on this young woman's finger, you will he expected to support her financially. If that's your definition of being taken

advantage of, find a girl from a lower altitude with less lofty Dear Abby: I hope you'll print this. Many women will face

expectations

years of marriage, I finally con fronted my husband about his cheating. I had remained silent for decades, hoping he'd change as he grew older. His response He left me and filed for divorce. He said I had been a good wife,

but he wanted to start a new life. Dear Abby Thank the Lord that

before I confronted him. I had begun to get my affairs in order. I had been saving from my household allowance (I was a stay-at-home mother of four), knowing I'd need money to defend my-

self should he ever

leave me. I gathered all the information I could about our finances and photographed all of our possessions. Had I acted differently, I would have lost my share of our assets,

as he tried to hide them. I also got my GED certificate, took nurse's training and hegan looking for a job. I had already

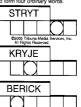
because I had none. I did not confront my husband until I was prepared to take care of myself. Aware that my children still loved their father, even if they no longer respected him. I didn't try to destroy him. I remained a lady through it all, so that if he came to his senses and realized our marriage was worth saving, I'd

have no regrets about my actions While I wouldn't wish what I ent through on my worst enemy, I'm glad I handled it the way I did. It took more than five years for me to recover. My life will never be the same. I lost my hus band, my church, my last child left home, and I went through menonause - all in one year. But if I can survive, anyone can

- Standing Tall in Texas Dear Standing Tall: I wish you success and happiness in your new life.

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what happened to me. They established credit in my own

Dear Annie: People often say that one should never get involved in an office romance, but it's

too late for me. I am a 23-year-old woman who got involved with my much-older boss, a professor whom I was assisting while working on my graduate

degree In an academic setting this is frowned upon, so

we kept it secret for over a year. The problem, however, is that it was incredibly difficult for me when the relationship came to an end. I stopped working for this man, but now find myself adrift both emotionally and professionally in the department. And I never anticipated the professional retribution from him and from my peers

I have lost more than I can describe. No one ever talks about student-teacher relation ships, but they happen all the time. I can handle the heart-



Teacher's pet now in the doghouse ache, but how do I handle the profession-

al fallout? - Former Teacher's Pet Dear Former Pet: While we cannot condone your behavior the truth is, your professor is the one at fault. He abused his authority by taking advantage of his position over you, and

he should have known better than to get involved with a student.

Inform this professor that he will immediately stop penalizing you for the affair or you will report him to the head of the department or the dean of the school. You made a mistake, and now you must deal with the

consequences. So should be Dear Annie: I'd like to reply to "Hopeless Epileptic," who had a seizure while on a date. I have a suggestion

In addition to seeing-eye dogs and hearing-ear dogs, these

days we have specially trained dogs to alert epileptics before a seizure so that they can get to safety before the onset. The

advantage of having such a dog is twofold. First, he has a companion to help him. Second, a dog is a great conversation starter and a good way to meet

I live north of Purdy, Wash where the Purdy Women's Prison is located. These women began training seeing-eve dogs. and the project grew. The inmates now train dogs for other special needs as well. They have an excellent reputation. This idea might be worth looking into for that gentleman.

- Port Orchard, Wash. Dear Port Orchard: Thank you

for your wonderful suggestion. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

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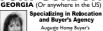
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\$170,000 (Tier III)
Surface: Hard-Indoor

Singles Men

Diamond Games

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At Sportspaleis Antwerpen
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Pierce (11), France, 6-4, 6-1.
Alicia Molik, (4), Australia, def. Magdalena Pierce (11), France, 6-4, 6-1. Alicia Molik, (4), Australia, def. Magdalena Maleeva (10), Bulgaria, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7), Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, def. Clau-Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, def. Claudine Schaul, Luxembourg, 6-4, 6-3, Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6. Anastasia, Myskina (2), Russia, def. Tatiana Golovin, France, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4.

ana Golovin, France, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4.
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Claudine Schaul, Luxembourg, def. Els Callens, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.
Tatiana Golovin, France, def. Dinara Safina, Russia, 6-4, 6-7 (10), 6-3.

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Waltrip edges Earnhardt Jr. in Daytona qualifier

Stewart avoids melee to win second race: Johnson rips Harvick

BY MIKE HARRIS The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Michael Waltrip outraced teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win the first race and Tony Stewart barely avoided a wild seven-car crash on the way to winning the nightcap Thursday in qualifying races for the Dayto-

The first of the 150-mile events showed that reports of the Dale Earnhardt Inc. team's demise at Daytona may have been a bit premature

Two-time 500 winner Waltrip passed DEI teammate Earnhardt, the defending 500 champion, on the outside in the final straightaway for his victory.

"I plan out moves like that all the time and they never work," said Waltrip, who won by .030 seconds, or half a car length.

"After practice yesterday, I knew we'd be a force in the 150 and the Daytona 500." A lot of people weren't so sure after Earnhardt appeared down on power in the non-points Budweiser Shootout and during practice, and Waltrip also seemed to be struggling. Earnhardt conceded that the

team hadn't been as dominant "It just seems to go in cycles," Earnhardt "We had our run and we've all known over the last couple of years they've been closing the gap. Yet we ain't falling off to



The car driven by Rusty Wallace (2) goes airborne after colliding with Kevin Harvick (29) and Dave Blaney (07) during the second 150-mile Davtona 500 qualifying race Thursday.

the point when we can't compete. Everybody is working hard to catch us, and eventually they will.

Jimmie Johnson, who trailed only three-time Daytona winner Dale Jarrett in pole qualifying last Sunday, was out front in the second race when he was bumped from behind in the second turn on the 21/2-mile oval by Kevin Harvick.

The bump turned Johnson's Chevrolet

sideways and ignited a crash that took out top contenders Johnson, Harvick, Mark Martin, Joe Nemechek and Rusty Wallace,

Johnson was furious at Harvick, saying he should know better than to bump draft in the turns. He said team owner Richard Childress should fire Harvick and angrily said NASCAR should penalize him.

"It's a shame," Johnson said. "He tore up six or seven good race cars.'

While Earnhardt fought an ill-handling car for much of the first 60-lap race, Wal trip moved up among the leaders and led

midway through the race. "Just to be able to finish second, I feel lucky," Earnhardt said. "He (Waltrip) did

what he had to do. He did the right moves. Mike Skinner, now a regular in NASCAR's Craftsman Truck series who plans to drive a handful of Nextel Cup races for Bill Davis Racing, led after the third caution flag of the race. He appeared on the way to victory until the DEI cars ganged up on him at the end.

Skinner, who already was guaranteed a starting spot in Sunday's 43-car field thanks to his qualifying speed in time trials last Sunday, wound up third, followed by Ryan Newman, Ricky Rudd, defending Nextel Cup champion Kurt Busch and two-time Daytona 500 winner Jeff Gordon. Stewart held off Jeff Burton in the clos-

ing laps of the second race, finishing about two car lengths ahead. Kevin Lepage finished third, earning a starting spot in the 500 field, as did fourth-place finisher Martin Truex Jr., the third DEI car.

A rule change this year guaranteed start-ing spots on Sunday to the top 35 teams in car owner points. Four more drivers made it on speed and the final four positions were up for grabs Thursday.

Making it in on qualifying speed were Jason Leffler, Boris Said, John Andretti and Mike Wallace, while Skinner, Kenny Wallace, Truex and Lepage raced in on Thursday.

Drivers who failed to make the field included Kerry Earnhardt, Dale's older half-brother who lost out when passed in the final yards by Kenny Wallace.

Report: Bruschi may have suffered stroke

BOSTON - Linebacker Tedy Bruschi of the Super Bowl cham-pion New England Patriots has a



broken blood vessel in his head and might have had stroke. minor according

newspaper reports. Bruschi was taken to Massachu-

setts General Hospital on Wednesday with unexplained headaches. The possibility that he had suf-

fered a stroke was reported in Thursday editions of the Boston Herald, which cited unidentified sources. The story also said Bruschi suffered lost vision

The Boston Globe, citing an unidentified team source, reported on its Web site Thursday that Bruschi had a broken blood vessel in his head and suffered from partial paralysis that has since gone away A broken blood vessel can cause a stroke if it deprives the brain of oxygen.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James said Thursday that any in-formation on Bruschi's condition would come from the player or his family. Bruschi spent Wednesday night at the hospital and more tests were scheduled for

Thursday morning, James said.
"He is in good condition and will be held for further evaluations," the team said in a statement. "The Bruschi family appreciates everyone's concern, but revacy at this time."

A snokeswoman for Massachua setts General Hospital would neither confirm nor deny that Bruschi had been admitted and referred all questions to the Patriots. Team owner Robert Kraft. was attending the Rutgers-Boston College basketball game on Wednesday night, declined comment

Chargers tag Brees

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers used their franchise tag Thursday on quarterback Drew Brees, who led the team to its first playoff berth in nine seasons and was the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year.

Brees was tagged as a non-exclusive franchise player, meaning he can still negotiate with other teams. Should Brees receive an offer from another team, the Chargers can either match the new club's offer, or receive two first-round choices from that club as compensation.

As a non-exclusive franchise player. Brees received a one-year contract offer of just more than \$8 million, the average of the top five salaried quarterbacks from last season. The Chargers could try to trade Brees, but a team interested in him would want to negotiate a long-term contract before finalizing a deal.

Brees has said he'd like a long-term contract from the Chargers.



New England's Tedy Bruschi plays with his son, T.J., 4, before the Super Bowl earlier this month. The Patriots said the linebacker "is in good condition and will be held for further evaluations."

The team's quarterback situation is complicated, though, because San Diego obtained Philip Rivers in a draft-day deal with the New York Giants and gave him a \$40 million contract.

Titans' Williams arrested

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee Titans safety Tank Williams was arrested early Thursday and charged with driving under the influence after a police officer saw his vehicle make a rolling stop at a downtown intersection

The 24-year-old strong safety smelled of alcohol, had red and watery eyes and registered 0.08 percent when his breath was tested, the police affidavit said That's the minimum blood-alcohol reading for intoxication under Tennessee law.

NBA changing beer sales polices in wake of brawl

The Associated Press

DENVER - Three months after the biggest brawl in NBA history, the basketball league Thursday told its teams to limit the sale of beer and warn fans against wearing clothes with obscene

Fans who violate the regula tions can be ejected.

The NBA is also advising teams on how many security officers to hire, where they should work and what tactics they should use.

"We look at this as an opportunity to remind people that coming to an arena is an opportunity to share an experience of rooting a home team on to victory and booing the opposition, but not doing it in an anti-social way that goes against our civil society," NBA Commissioner David Stern told The Denver Post.

The regulations are meant to prevent a repeat of the brawl during a Detroit Pistons-Indiana Pacers game in November, when players went into the stands after a fan threw a full cup of beer at the Pacers' Ron Artest

The new rules ban the sale of alcohol after the fourth quarter begins, limit drinks to 24 ounces each, and restrict fans to two drinks each. Designated driver programs are also required at each arena.

An NBA Fan Code of Conduct, to be posted in all arenas, bars in-



ing and reminds players to "respect and appreciate each and every fan

Stern said many teams already meet the new standards.

Five Pacers players and seven fans were charged in the Nov. 19 melee at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich. The league suspended Artest for the rest of the season, and other players were given suspensions of up to 30 games

Lakers add Rambis, Shaw

EL SEGUNDO. Calif. Former players Kurt Rambis and Brian Shaw were hired by the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday as assistants to coach Frank Hamblen for the rest of the season.

Hamblen was an assistant be fore taking over as head coach this month when Rudy Tomjanovich stepped down because of health concerns

Rambis and Shaw join Larry Smith, Mike Wells, Melvin Hunt and Chris Bodaken as assistants under Hamblen.

In addition to having played for the Lakers, Rambis and Shaw have worked for the team in other canacities - Rambis as vice president of business and basketball integration, and Shaw as assistant director of scouting.

Pistons handle Iverson, head to break on a high

PHILADELPHIA — The All-Star break is arriving at a bad time for the Detroit Pistons. They would much rather keep play-

"We're playing some of our best basket-ball of the season," said Chauncey Billups, who scored 20 points along with Richard Hamilton, leading the Pistons past the Philadelphia 76ers 93-75 on Wednesday night. The Pistons won their fourth straight

game and their ninth in the past 10. "We're playing for each other, like we did last season when we won the champion-

ship. Detroit has a better record at the break this season (32-19) than last (33-21).

Billups was 7-for-8 from the field, including 5-for-6 from three-point range. Hamilton was 8-for-16 from the field, and the Pistons made half of their shots, also going 9-for-17 from the three-point line. The Pistons also outrebounded the Sixers 49-42.

"We moved the ball well tonight and got guys open looks," Hamilton said. "We were more crisp on offense than we have been in a while It kind of reminds me a little of how we were when we played like this last season.'

Meanwhile, Detroit held the league's leading scorer, Allen Iverson, to 23 points. Iverson, who scored a career-high 60 points, most in the NBA this season, on Saturday and then had 38 in his next game, was just 8-for-21 against Detroit's tight de-

Iverson also committed six turnovers "We just tried to guard him with our whole team," Pistons coach Larry Brown

"You can learn a lot playing against them," Iverson said. "They won a championship. They play team basketball.

Tayshaun Prince had 15 points and eight rebounds for the Pistons, and Ben Wallace contributed 10 rebounds. Rasheed Wallace added 13 points and 11 rebounds, and Antonio McDyess had 10 points and nine rebounds

The Pistons jumped to a 25-8 lead in the first quarter and led 48-35 at halftime. The Sixers cut it to 63-56 with 2:47 remaining in the third quarter on a jump shot by Corl iss Williamson. But the Pistons pulled away thanks to some clutch shooting.

"We're getting better," Brown said. "All the players are getting better, and that's been the key."

Williamson had 14 points, Andre Iguoda la had 11 points and eight rebounds and Kenny Thomas contributed 10 points and 11 rebounds for Philadelphia. The 76ers. who shot just 39 percent from the field, had their three-game winning streak snapped.

"We played a poor basketball game against a very good basketball team, and that's a bad combination," Sixers coach Jim O'Brien said. "We never made a run."



Pistons Ben Wallace, right, and Tayshaun Prince surround 76ers guard Allen Iverson in the first half. Iverson was held to 23 points in the Detroit's 93-75 victory.

NBA scoreboard

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Detroit 93, Philadelphia 75

Charlotte 94, Denver 88

Indiana 95, Portland 87

New Jersey 96, Sacramento 85

Golden State 117, Seattle 110

San Antonio 101, New Orleans 1

Cleveland at Minnesota 90

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C hoenix Friday's games

No games scheduled Saturday's games No games scheduled
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All-Star Game at Denver

Wednesday Celtics 90. Grizzlies 88

MEMPHIS — Swift 5-10 9-10 19, Battler 2 0 5, Wright 2-6 2-3 6, Williams 6-14 0-1 : 10 1, Wright 2-6 2-3 6, Williams 6-14 0-1 : 10 Cardinal 3-8 10-10 17, Watson 4-14 0-0 urks 0-0 0-0 0, Humphrey 0-0 0-2 0. Tots 3-76 24-30 88.

BOSTON — Pierce 6-14 6-7 19, LaFrentz 4-6 3-3 13, Blount 3-7 2-2 8, Payton 5-12 3-4 13, Alien 4-5 6-8 15, Davis 5-12 2-4 12, West 0-1 0-0 0, Weisch 1-1 1-2 3, Perkins 1-3 2-2 4, Banks 0-1 0-0 0, Gugliotta 0-1 2-1 2, Jefferson 0-1 2-4 2, Totals 29-65 28-38 90.

Bulls 121. Raptors 115

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Three-Point Goals—Chicago 11-15 (Hinrich
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1-1, Murray 0-1, Rose 0-1, Bonner 0-1), Fouled
dier 8), Toronto 30, (Bosh, Rose 7), Assists—Chicago 24 (Duhon 8), Toronto 24 (Aiston 8), Total Fouls—Chicago 25, Toronto 24, Catston 8), Total Fouls—Chicago 25, Toronto 24, Catston 8), Total Fouls—Chicago 25, Toronto 24, Catchoicals—Chicago Defensive Three Second, A—15,881, (19,800).

Pistons 93, 76ers 75

DETROIT — Prince 6-11 2-3 15, R.Wallace 4-15-5-9 13, B.Wallace 3-62-68, Billups 7-8 1-1 20, Hamilton 8-16 1-1 20, Hunter 2-4 0-2, McDyess 5-10-0-10, Arroyo 0-0-0-0, Jenkins 0-00-0, Dupree 1-2 1-2 3, Milicic 0-00-0 0. To-

tals 36-72 12-24 93.

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5-10 0-0 10, Dalembert 2-6 2-2 6, Iverson 8-21
7-10 23, Iguodala 5-11 1-3 11, McKie 0-0 0-0 0,
Williamson 7-12 0-0 14, Jackson 3-7 0-1 6,
Green 1-6-0-2, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Ollie 0-1 0-0 0.
Totals 32-82 10-16 75.

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Cavaliers 111, Hawks 89

ATLANTA — J.Smith 5-11 1-1 11, Walker 10-24 0-3 21, Ekezü -3 9-4-4 10, Dlaw 5-10 3-4 13, Childress 7-14 0-1 14, Collier 5-9 0-0 10, Delk 2-10-2-2 6, D.Smith 1-2-0-2, Ivey 1-2-0-0 2. Totals 3-93 10-15 89.
CLEVELAND — James 11-20 4-5 28, Gooden E13 3-3 19, Ilgauskas 7-18 4-6 18, McInnis

Pacers 95. Trail Blazers 87

PORTLAND — Patterson 7-17 1-3 15, Ratilft 0-3 0-0 0, Przybilla 8-12 2-3 18, Van Exel 7-15 0-0 16, Stoudamire 4-12 5-7 14, Miles 8-17 1-2 18, Telfair 1-3 0-0 3, Khryapa 0-0 3-4 3, Ander-son 0-0 0-0 0, Frahm 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-80 12-19 87. NA - Jackson 4-12 0-0 9, O'Neal 4-19 | HOBIANA — Jackson 4-12 0-0 9, O'Neal 4-19 2-2 10, Foster 6-12 2-4 14, Miller 10-17 12-12 36, Johnson 2-10 0-0 5, JJones 0-3 2-22, Crosh-ere 1-4 0-0 2, FJones 4-8 5-6 14, Gill 1-4 0-0 3, Pollard 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-89 22-25 9, Portland 18 22 22 25-81 Indiana 19 24 28 24-95

Nets 96, Kings 85

SACRAMENTO — Barnes 1-3 2-2 4, Webber 6-20 0-0 12, Miller 2-10 4-6 8, Mobley 7-14 2-2 16, Bibby 10-17 5-6 25, Songaila 3-3 2-2 8, Evans 4-11 0-0 10, House 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 34-81 15-18 85. ..., rouse 1-3 U-0 2. Totals NEW JERSEY - Carter 7-22 6-5 21, Collins 25-45-8, KFSY - G-14 0-18, Waughn 2-9 4-4 8, Kidd 7-14 2-2 19, Mercer 2-4 0-0 4, Smith 0-1 0-0, Rest 4-60-09, Robinson 3-9 0-0 9. Totals 36-84 16-17 96.

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Knicks 108, Bucks 90

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ford 9-16 0-0 23, Marbury 5-13 4-5 14, Sweet ney 6-7 6-6 18, Hardaway 7-11 0-0 14, Norris 1-1 0-0 2, J.Williams 2-3 2-2 6, Ariza 0-0 0-0 0 Totals 42-75 18-19 108. 27 23 26 14- 90 26 29 25 28-108

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prand 5-13 8-8 18, Kaman 4-9 2-2 10, Brunson 4-8 2-2 10, Maggette 8-21 6-8 23, Rebraca 3-4 1-1 7, Chalmers 1-3 0-0 2, Wilcox 4-7 2-2 10, Ross 1-4 1-2 3, Moore 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 25-28 95.

5-28 95. MIAMI – E.Jones 0-4 0-0 0, Haslem 4-6 0-0 ("O'Neal 5-8 4-9 14, D.Jones 9-11 5-6 31, Wade 0-17 8-9 28, Anderson 3-6 5-6 11, Doleac 2-7 0-4, Dooling 4-73-3 11, Butler 1-3 0-02, Allen 4-0-0 2, Wang 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 40-75 25-33

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Three-Point Goals – La. Clippers 2-9 (Simmons 1-2, Mami 8-15 (DJones 8-10, Butler 0-1, Euroson)

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Miami 40 (O'Neal 8). Assists—L.A. Clippers 16 (Brunson 8), Miami 27 (Wade 12). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 26, Miami 24. Techni-cals—L.A. Clippers Defensive Three Second, D.Jones. A—19,600. (19,600).

Sours 101, Hornets 78

Warriors 117, Sonics 110

GOLDEN STATE — Dunleavy 4-8 2-4 13, Rich-ardson 12-23 3-5 30, Foyle 3-6 0-1 6, Claxton 1-115-7 17, Fisher 8-18 0-1 21, Najera 1-2 0-0 2, 2avis 7-10 2-2 16, Pietrus 3-7 0-0 6, Cabarka-na 1-1 0-0 2, Cheaney 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 46-87

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NBA calendar

Feb. 18-20 – All-Star weekend, Denver. Feb. 24 – Trading deadline, 3 p.m. EST. April 20 – Regular season ends. April 23 – Playoffs begin June 7-10 – NBA predraft camp, Chicago. June 9 – Earliest possible NBA Finals start

. ne 21 – Early entry draft withdrawal June 23 — Latest possible NBA Finals end date.

June 28 — NRA Draft, New York

Jackson, Carson could pose problems for AA contenders

BY DAVE ORNAUER Stars and Strings

Every now and then, a player comes along who boosts his team's level of play and for whom opponents don't have an answer.

Kubasaki boys basketball coach Chris Sullivan thinks his team and Okinawa archrival Kadena might have that type of player — Kadena in 6-foot-4 junior Z'aire Jackson, Kubasaki in senior point guard Marcus Carson.

Sullivan has seen a great many teams and players in his tenure as coach of Nile C. Kinnick in Japan in the late 1990s and now with Kubasaki, and "not in a long time," has he seen that type of player in a Far East High School Boys Class AA Basketball Tourna-

What sets Carson and Jackson

"They both play at the next level," Sullivan said.

Aside from averaging 30-plus points and 20-plus rebounds a game for the Panthers, "Jackson just plays like a manchild underneath," Sullivan said. "He's pretty much unstoppable anywhere from 10 feet in, from the foul line in. If he gets the ball in the paint, watch out. Probably count your

Carson, averaging 22 points, nine assists and four steals for the Dragons, "makes all his teammates look better on the floor' Sullivan said. "He sets up everybody and he sees the floor so well. When he's not out there, we're sorely missing an important ingredient in our game.

They've also elevated their back to respectability. teams Kubasaki, which slumped to 9-17 last season after finishing second



Kadena Panthers junior forward Z'aire Jackson is averaging better than 30 points and 20 rebounds a game this season.

in Class AA in 2003, entered its Friday game at Kadena at 13-4. Kadena is 12-7 after going 15-12 and also not placing in the Far East tournament last season.

With those two weapons at the ready. Sullivan thinks the Dragons or Panthers, maybe both, stand a good chance to compete for the tournament title. The teams have met in the title game three times, the last in 1995, with the Panthers winning all three.

"I hate to nut myself on a limb but either one of us will be in the championship game," he said. "Overall, we're both a top four or

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five team. I guarantee one of us, Kadena or Kubasaki, will be there, maybe both."

engage all-home-team showdown, Kadena and Kuhasaki face hattles with several tough squads that plan to vie for the honor

Seoul American, the two-time defending champion, doesn't have a big star as it did with past



Kubasaki Dragons senior guard Marcus Carson is averaging 22 points. nine assists and four steals a game heading into weekend play.

MVPs Nino Etienne and Jake Abramowitz, but the Falcons are, perhaps, the tallest team in the tournament, with four starters 6.4 or taller

Junior quards Jay Higgins and Jamaal Mohn and what coach Steve Boyd calls the "G-men," 6-5 junior Mike Goodman and 6-6 sophomore Anthony Gatlin, have naced the Falcons, who've played 41 games entering this weekend's Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference tourna-

His highest-scoring starter is averaging 12.3 points per game, his lowest 10.4. "I've never had the balance that I have this year," he said

Then there's Nile C. Kinnick with one loss against high school competition in Japan and bent on topping its runner-up finish of last year. Seniors Leonard Lynce and Paul Ergus lead a squad whose big question is whether junior all-around Travis Ekmark can return from a broken finger.

And Yokota, with just two losses overall and having been the only team to beat Kinnick, waits in the wings in case one of those four falters. Not overly tall, the Panthers play tenacious defense and get at-times-explosive scoring from senior Cameron Cooper.

"That's the great unknown," Sullivan said. "We don't play each other, we don't see Seoul, we haven't seen Kinnick or Yokota. I don't know but on paper what the matchups are. But that's what makes the tournament exciting, those great unknowns.

Still, riding the shoulders of Carson and Jackson, it could end up being an all-Okinawa final, "if all the variables come together.' Sullivan said. "That's basketball. Our chances are really good that we're going to finish very high this year. E-mail Dave Orna

orny@nstrines.osd.mil

Richardson scores 30 as Warriors stun first-place Sonics ter and the visiting Bulls reached

First-place teams usually don't look forward to the All-Star break. The Seattle SuperSonics certainly weren't complaining about having a few days off after their second straight home loss.

Jason Richardson scored 30 noints and Derek Fisher had 21 including five three-pointers, in Golden State's surprising 117-110 victory at Seattle Dale Davis had a season-high

16 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Golden State, which ended a three-game losing streak. Speedy Clayton added 17 points for the Warriors.

Seattle was led by its two All-Stars, Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis, with 26 and 17 points, respectively. But Allen had only four points in the second half on 2-for-8 shooting. The Warriors scored 37 points

in the third period to turn the

"You can't give up 37 points in a quarter," Sonics coach Nate Mc-



Millan said. "Defensively, you're not out there." The Sonics still finished with a

101/2-game lead in the Northwest Division at the All-Star break at 35-16

The Warriors are 15-38, including losing streaks of nine, six and six games. And with one big victory before the break.

Heat 113, Clippers 95: Shaquille O'Neal was hardly needed as the Heat won their seventh straight game and sent the Clippers to a seventh consecutive loss all part of Los Angeles' nine-game road trip, the longest in the league this season.

Damon Jones had a reer-high 31 points (8-for-10 from three-noint range) and Dwyane Wade added 28 points and 12 assists. O'Neal had 14 points and eight rebounds.

Nets 96. Kings 85: Jason Kidd had his 64th career triple-double and Vince Carter scored 21 points for the host Nets

Carter reached 20 points for the 11th straight game and the 17th time in the past 18. Kidd finished with 19 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for his third triple-double in the last six games.

Rookie Nenad Krstic scored a career-best 18 points. Mike Bibby had 25 points to

lead the Kings, who lost for the sixth time in seven games

Cavaliers 111, Hawks 89: LeBron James scored 28 points, fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 18 points and 13 rebounds and the Cavaliers reached 30 victor ries before the All-Star break for just the fourth time. The last time Cleveland won 30 before the All-Star break was 1992-93, when the Cavs reached the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Bulls 121, Raptors 115: Kirk Hinrich had 28 points, Ben Gordon scored 15 in the fourth quara season high for points. Eddy Curry added 24 points and Luol Deng had 20 for the

Bulls, who have won three straight and 16 of 21. Chris Bosh had 28 points for the Rantors, who have lost five of

Celtics 90, Grizzlies 88: At Boston, Ricky Davis hit a 12-foot

jump shot with 3.9 seconds remaining for the Celtics, who have won six of eight. Mike Miller made a three-point-

er with 9.8 seconds left to tie it at 88 for the Grizzlies before Davis hit an open jumper. Miller's three-point attempt fell short at the buzzer

Pacers 95, Trail Blazers 87: At Indianapolis, Reggie Miller scored 27 of his season-high 36 points in the second half. Jeff Foster had 14 points and 17 re-bounds, and Fred Jones added 14 noints for the Pacers.

Joel Przybilla finished with 18 points and 17 rebounds for the Trail Blazers

Bobcats 94. Nuggets 88: Kareem Rush scored 14 of his 20 points in the third quarter and the host Bobcats snapped a seven-game losing streak. Keith

Bogans added 18 points. Denver was led by Carmelo Anthony's 21 points.

Spurs 101, Hornets 78: Tim Duncan scored 19 points and the Spurs pulled away in the fourth quarter at New Orleans, where they have never lost.

Rookie J.R. Smith led New Orleans with a career-high 25 points.

Knicks 108, Bucks 90: At New York, Jamal Crawford scored 23 points to lead six Knicks in double figures. The Knicks won for just the fifth time in 24 games and had their first double-digit victory margin since Dec. 29 against Minnesota.

Toni Kukoc had 20 points and Desmond Mason 18 for Milwaukee, which was without leading scorer Michael Redd (sprained index finger) for the straight game.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripe

Osan American's Aaron Clifton, left, locks up the leg of Matthew C. Perry's Adam Krievs during a 180-pound round-robin bout Thursday at Yokota Air Base, Japan, Clifton pinned Krievs in 2 minutes, 45 seconds

Krievs takes one step toward helping Perry launch program

Only Samurai wrestler goes 1-1 on first day of Far East

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Matthew C. Perry High School's wrestling program was out in force All one of 'em.

Adam Krievs made Samurai history on Thursday representing Perry in the Far East High School Wrestling Tournament

Krievs hopes it also signals a reversal of a trend of sports programs dying out at the small school about 125 students — at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan. Perry suspended its football program this past fall, and its baseball and girls softball programs last spring, due to lack of players.

"With Perry losing athletic programs," Krievs said, "a wrestling program would be great for the school. If we don't have the numbers for football, I'm sure we'd have enough to wrestle and perform at a higher level."

He had a rough start in the 180-pound class, getting pinned by Aaron Clifton of Osan American in the round-robin bouts, held for seeding purposes for the double-elimination playoffs. But he rebounded, pinning Jonathan Hamilton of Taegu American to go 1-1 for the day.

Krievs' road to the Far East tournament has been roundabout, just as his senior year has been an exercise in hopscotching throughout Japan.

He began the year playing football at Nile C. Kinnick after Perry dropped its program, then stayed for most of the wrestling season until transferring back to Perry in late January.

Krievs and his family spent the next two weeks trying to gain a spot for him in the Far East tournament at Yokota

"I was a little worried." Krievs said. "If I hadn't gotten to go, I'd have been disappointed.'

And there were obstacles to overcome, from staying in shape for the two weeks after his transfer to getting permission from the school and the tourna-

With no wrestling coach at Perry, Krievs' family sent e-mails throughout Iwakuni to find anybody who knew about wrestling.

All-Marine women's wrestler Sheena Covell answered the call. With two male Marine wrestlers, she helped prepare Krievs for the tournament.



Woong Lee, top, of Seoul American pinned Yokota's Mike Ladd in a 158-pound bout on Thursday.

His dad, Master Set, Eric Krievs, said he would chaperone and coach his son at Yokota, and Kinnick offered to let Krievs stay with its team. Finally, Friday, Perry approved Krievs' request to attend the tournament.

"He deserves to be here," tournament director Brian Kitts said. The episode made Krievs' already memorable se-

nior year that much more of an adventure, he said. "It's been a great experience," he said. "Going to Kinnick, doing something I love, then coming back to family. It's helped build character. All this will heln me later on in life

Copeland-Wood Part I

One of the two weight classes in which there are two defending champs competing offered a preview of what could be an exciting final.

Kadena's Devon Copeland rallied from a 5-0 deficit to pin Joey Wood of Kinnick at 4 minutes, 13 seconds. Wood won the 158-pound title last year, and Copeland took gold at 168.

"I came in too confident," Copeland said of falling behind early.

Copeland was confident he and Wood would meet again Friday in the playoffs.

"I know I can wrestle better," Copeland said. "I know I'll see him tomorrow when it really counts."

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High school scoreboard

2005 Far East High School Wrestling Tournament

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Big Unit joins new teammates for training

Johnson arrives in Fla.; Cubs adjust to camp without veteran Sosa

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Randy Johnson could get a side job as the world's tallest comedi-

He got lost Wednesday on the way to Leg ends Field, introduced himself to many of



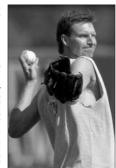
once he got there, and then held a news conferand cracked ence one-liners with the ease of a Henny Youngman. His opinion on steroids?

"I definitely know nutrition is a big part of staying healthy and being successful but, obviously, it's something that I guess kind of goes beyond the normal things at

His thoughts on former Arizona teammate Curt Schilling, who could pitch against him when the Yankees play Boston in the season opener on April 33

"I'm glad to see that I'm quickening up his rehab program because I see that he's pretty excited about Opening Day, I'm pretty excited about that root canal I've got next week, too,"

The Yankees and Red Sox tried not to react to Trot Nivon's criticism of Alex Rodriguez a day earlier. In other Boston news, closer Keith Foulke said he tried to get the



New York Yankees pitcher Randy Johnson plays catch following his arrival at training camp. Wednesday in Tampa. Fla.

hall from the final out of the World Series the one Doug Mientkiewicz kept.

Across Florida and Arizona, pitchers and catchers on seven teams reported for spring training, a day after the Yankees, Washington Nationals and Cincinnati Reds

opened up. Eleven more clubs begin Thurs-day, with the remaining nine scheduled to start by Sunday.

For the Chicago Cubs, it's their first spring training camp without Sammy Sosa since he was acquired from the White Sox in March 1992. The All-Star right fielder. whose relationship with the team deteriorated last year, was dealt to Baltimore on

"He did a lot of things for this organization for baseball and for the city," Cubs pitcher Mark Prior said in Mesa, Ariz. "But in general, I think probably now we're better off."

Down in Fort Myers, Foulke talked about asking for the famous World Series ball, the one he flipped to Mientkiewicz at St. Louis last Oct. 27, sealing the first title for the Red Sox since 1918.

"I'd have definitely liked to have it back," Foulke said. "When we got back to Boston, I asked him about it and I didn't get it. So that's the end of that.

He doesn't regret that he didn't run over and step on the bag himself.

"It's not my job to run the ball to first base," Foulke said. "My job is to throw it over there and let him do his job. We got

him out. That's all that matters. Foulke didn't want to talk about the remarks by Nixon, who praised A-Rod's play-ing ability but said: "He can't stand up to [Derek] Jeter in my book or Bernie Will-

iams or [Jorge] Posada." "I'm not getting into a war of words with Jeter said. "That's between Trot and Alex. You ask Trot what he meant."

In Viera, 69-year-old Frank Robinson walked up the dugout steps and announced

"It only took six, seven hours," the Washington Nationals manager said jokingly.

Robinson expected to manage only a ear when in 2002 baseball asked him to leave his job in the league office and lead the Montreal Expos. After three years in Canada, Robinson moved with the team to Washington

"I'm kind of surprised that I'm still here because I didn't know if I was going to be healthy enough to do it," Robinson said. "Or if I wanted to do it, if I wanted to go through the grind, the travel and all that stuff, the sitting on the bench for hours on end and being at the ballpark at 12 o'clock in the afternoon for a night game.

In Tucson, Ariz., the White Sox began with 22 players who weren't on the 40-man roster when the team started spring training a year ago. Among the newcomers are starting pitchers Freddy Garcia, Orlando Hernandez and Dustin Hermanson, along with catchers Ben Davis and A.J. Pierzynski. Carlos Lee and Magglio Ordonez have departed.

"There is a little more excitement around here," center fielder Aaron Rowand said. "It is a different feeling than having a group of guys on the team that is going in a different direction.

Among the first to arrive at Arizona's camp in Tucson was third baseman Trov Glaus, who left Anaheim to sign a \$45 mil lion, four-year contract with the Diamondbacks. The 2002 World Series MVP said his surgically repaired right shoulder has healed and no longer impairs his throwing. "If Opening Day was tomorrow, I could

play," Glaus said.

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La Russa: Canseco said he used 'helper'; Baseball looks into FBI claim of warning

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Jose Canseco bragged about not having to work out as hard as other players on the Oakland Athletics be-cause he had a "helper," his former manager, Tony La Russa, said in an interview with "60 Min-utes Wednesday."

La Russa managed Canseco and the Athletics to consecutive AL pennants from 1988-90 winning the World Series in 1989. La Russa's interview was broadcast Wednesday night on CBS, three days after the network aired an interview with Canseco, who has admitted using performance-enhancing drugs and accused several former teammates of the

Sandy Sandy Alderson, executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said Major League Baseball has no record of being contacted during the mid-1990s by an FBI agent who told the New York Daily News he warned baseball about steroid use among players.

La Russa, now manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, told "60 Minutes Wednesday" that Canseco would boast about not needing a lot of time in the gym to build his

"He would laugh about the time that other guys were spending there, and how he didn't have



Tony La Russa

to, because he was, he was doing the other 'helper.'" La Russa said. "He was having help in a different way. You know, the

Earlier this week, the Daily News reported that baseball executives failed to act on information provided by Special Agent Greg Stejskal in Ann Arbor, Mich. He said he told baseball security chief Kevin Hallinan in the mid-1990s that Canseco and other players were using illegal anabolic steroids.

"Kevin has told me that he does not remember any conversation with Special Agent Ste-jskal," Alderson said. "However, because of the nature of the assertions made by Steiskal, we have reviewed our records to determine what, if any, contact there may have been between Stejskal and our office."

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Tony LaRussa

Former Oakland A's manager on Jose Canseco

Alderson said baseball has no record of any contact with Stejskal during the period, adding: "Nor has the FBI provided us with any such documentation.

Alderson said Stejskal left a message on Hallinan's voice mail Tuesday. Alderson said the message states that the '90s contact to which Stejskal has referred occurred at an FBI conference in Quantico, Va., where Hallinan was speaking.

"Hallinan does not recall the scenario described by Stejskal," Alderson said in a statement. "Had Hallinan been more formally contacted, or had he received a follow-up call from Stejskal, he would have pursued whatever information was avail-

Alderson said baseball's phone records do reflect a call on June 19, 2002, from a Greg Stejskal

who identified himself as an FRI employee in the Detroit office. Alderson said Hallinan was out of town when the call came and directed Marty Maguire, a mem-ber of baseball's security department, to return the call.

"Stejskal referred Maguire to an informant, whom Maguire contacted," Alderson said. "The informant provided very dated information linking only one player, Jose Canseco, to steroid

At the time that this information was obtained. Canseco was no longer an active professional

baseball player."
On May 28 that year, Sports Il-lustrated released a report in which former NL MVP Ken Caminiti alleged many players used steroids. That June 7, The Wall Street Journal reported that Canseco, who was circulating a book proposal, had told publishing houses that he took steroids.

No free chicken as Illinois cruises N.C. State

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - The

rally towels were on every seat and a local restaurant promised free chicken wings for every fan if Penn State could pull off an upset of top-ranked Illinois.

By the end, those towels may as well have been white flags, and no one was eating any better than a concession stand hot dog.

Roger Powell Jr. 10-for-10 from the field and scored 21 points and Dee Brown added 19 points to lead No. 1 Illinois to its 26th straight victory, 83-63 over Penn State on Wednes day night

Illinois (26-0, 12-0 Big Ten) topped the school record of 25 consecutive victories set over three seasons from February 1914 to February 1916

"Streaks aren't important." Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "Winning the Big Ten, getting the high seed, advancing March into April is what's important. But at the same time, you've got to feel proud about what you've accomplished."

Penn State (7-17, 1-10) was just another easy victim, falling to 0-10 against top-ranked teams. Geary Claxton led the Nittany Lions with 19 points, the only play-

er in double figures.

Illinois was the first ton-ranked team to play at the 9-year-old Bryce Jordan Center and the first to visit State College since Indi ana in 1993. In that one, coach Bob Knight and the Hoosiers



Illinois' James Augustine beats Penn State's Ben Luber to a loose ball during the top-ranked Fighting Illini's 83-63 win over the Nittany Lions

needed two overtimes to escape with a 88-84 victory

Twelve years later, there was no such excitement for the home crowd.

Illinois was simply too quick. too talented and too deep to let a team like Penn State even come close - no matter how hard the Nittany Lions tried to prepare in

"For me, it's like going to my first hockey game. I never appreciated the speed of the puck until I saw hockey in person for the first time," Penn State coach Ed DeChellis said, "I can kind of equate it with what we saw tonight. They're very, very fast and you can't simulate in practice

The Illini scored the first seven

what we saw tonight."

straight steals, turning one into a fast-break layun and another into a nifty assist for Luther Head, and the blowout was on. Deron Williams and Brown hit consecutive three-pointers for a 38-19 lead and the Illini cruised to a

52-30 halftime advantage. "I think we broke their spirit down the stretch in the first half,'

Powell made all eight of his shots in the first half, when Brown had 10 of his 11 assists

Weber said

We could have played harder and come out with more intensity on defense," Claxton said.

Powell shook off a four-game slump (8-for-21 shooting) and matched his season high for

"It was good to make some baskets, but the guards set me up," Powell said.

Head finished with 16 points and Illinois was 12-for-28 on three-pointers while extending its road winning streak to 13 games. hest in the nation.

"They're so unselfish. That's how basketball should look," Penn State guard Mike Walker

Illinois would have it no other way. In the first half, the Illini had 19 assists on 22 baskets and finished with 27 assists overall on 34 baskets.

"We moved the ball, we pushed it," Weber said. "Our guys came

rolls over Maryland

Saturday, February 19, 2005

BY AARON BEARD The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - North Carolina State's fleeting hopes of reaching the NCAA tournament have come down to a handful of

Ilian Evtimov and Tony Bethel each scored 17 points Wednesday night to lift the Wolfpack to an 82-63 victory over No. 22 Maryland, earning its first regular-season sweep in the series since the 1988-89 season.

Julius Hodge added 13 points and nine assists for the Wolfpack (15-10, 5-7 Atlantic Coast Conference), who led by 20 in the first half and held on for their first home victory over Maryland in five years.

It was a desperately needed victory for the Wolfpack, who opened 10-1, then lost nine of 12 to jeopardize a bid for a fourth straight NCAA tournament bid

N.C. State was coming off a 53-51 victory at Georgia Tech, last year's national runner-up The Wolfpack play three of their final four games at home though two are against No. 4 North Carolina and No. 5 Wake Forest - with the chance to correct a season gone awry.

"We're very confident," Evti-mov said. "We also know that we don't have any room for error right now. If we want to have a postseason — anything — we've got to play hard and we've got to try to win every game we can We've lost any kind of margin for error we've ever had.

N.C. State knows it will need more efforts like the one against the Terrapins (15-8, 6-6), who were coming off an overtime vic-tory over No. 7 Duke.

N.C. State played unselfishly on offense, choosing crisp passing over 1-on-1 basketball to get open shots. The Wolfpack hit 13 three-pointers - many coming on kickouts from the post or off nenetration - and finished with 22 assists on 25 field goals.

The Wolfpack even 19-for-21 at the free-throw line, where the team has shot just 69 nercent this season.

We played well offensively, "We played wen o... moved the ball well and we were hitting on all cylinders," State coach Herb Sendek said

Maryland coach Gary Williams was displeased with his team, which had beaten the Blue Devils 99-92 in overtime over the weekend to earn its first sween of Duke in a decade.

"I guess we were feeling pretty good about ourselves," Williams said. "I guess they made us pay for it. ... You have to use it (the Duke win) as a springboard to the next game.'

Nik Caner-Medley scored 17 of his 19 points in the first half to lead the Terps, but got little help and didn't hit a field goal after halftime. Maryland led 20-19 after a

three-pointer by Caner-Medley, but the Wolfpack answered with a 25-4 run to take control.

Virginia's slower pace can't stop Carolina

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. Rashad McCants shrugged off his recent poor shooting, only 20 percent on three-pointers over the previous five games. After all, North Carolina won four of those games, right?

"I really wasn't out there worry-ing about me," McCants said. "I was actually thinking about the team." team

McCants had 23 points and Sean May added 17 points and 16 rebounds, helping the fourth-ranked Tar Heels pull out an 85-61 victory over Virginia on Wednesday night.

Jawad Williams and Raymond Felton each scored 12 points for the Tar Heels (21-3, 9-2 ACC), who moved within one-half game of first-place Wake Forest in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Mc-Cants had a season-high six as sists as North Carolina won for seventh time in eight games.

"I was happy to see Rashad make a bunch of shots." North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "I never lost confidence in him for one second

With both teams celebrating "Throwback Night" — they donned retro uniforms based on 1980s designs - the Cavaliers (13-10, 4-8) might have taken it a bit too literally. They continued their slowdown tactics started earlier this month by coach Pete



Gillen, holding the ball on nearly every possession while the shot clock wound down.

It was a bit reminiscent of the 1982 ACC championship game, when the Tar Heels beat the Cava liers 47-45 after stalling for the final 71/2 minutes. That game with players such as Michael Jordan, James Worthy and Ralph Sampson on the court - is generally credited with forcing the eventual implementation of the shot clock.

The slower style certainly has worked for Gillen, who led Virginia out of the conference cellar with three straight victories

"It's the first time we've lost in four games, so you can't argue with it," said Virginia guard Gary Forbes, who had 23 points on 8-for-11 shooting.

Still, it ultimately failed even though the Cavaliers stayed much closer than in the earlier matchup this season, a 110-76 Carolina blowout.

No. 6 Boston College 74, Rutgers 64: Sean Marshall scored 22 points and Jared Dudley had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Eagles (21-1, 10-1 Big East), who were playing for the first time since losing at Notre Dame on

Ricky Shields scored 16 points for the visiting Scarlet Knights (8-14, 2-10).

No. 11 Michigan St. 81. Minnesota 62: Shannon Brown had and Maurice Ager noints added 16 for the Spartans (18-4, 9-2 Big Ten), who have won 15 of 17, the last four by double figures.

Vincent Grier had 19 points for ne visiting Golden Gophers

No. 16 Alabama 72, Arkansas 63: Chuck Davis scored 16 of his 21 points in the second half and the Crimson Tide (20-4, 9-2 South eastern Conference) won 20 for the second straight season

Jonathon Modica scored 16 oints for the visiting Razorbacks (17-8, 5-7), who had a three-game winning streak snapped.

No. 19 Pacific 79, UC Santa Barbara 56: Guillaume Yango scored 16 points and the Tigers (21-2, 15-0) clinched the Big West regular-season title with their 17th straight victory overall and

28th in a row in conference play. Joe See and Alex Harris each scored 16 points for the Gauchos (8-14.5-8)

No. 20 Wisconsin 76, Michi gan 50: Mike Wilkinson had 22 points and nine rebounds for the Badgers (17-6, 8-4 Big Ten), who swept Michigan for the first time since 1979

Courtney Sims scored 16 points for the visiting Wolverines (12-14,

3-9), who matched a school record with their ninth straight loss. The last time Michigan lost nine in a row was the final eight games in 1966-67 and the opener the following season.

No. 21 Oklahoma 83, Nebras ka 60: Terrell Everett scored 18 points for the Sooners (18-6, 7-4 Big 12), who snapped three-game losing streak. Oklaho ma had lost four of five after a 10-game winning streak.

Joe McCray had 21 points for Nebraska (11-11, 4-7), which has lost seven straight to Oklahoma. No. 23 Charlotte 66. DePaul

62: Curtis Withers scored 18 points for the 49ers (18-4, 9-2 Conference USA), who won at home in their first game in six years as a ranked team. Drake Diener tied a school

record with seven three-pointers and had 25 points for the Blue Demons (16-6, 8-3). His last three tied it 62-62 with 56 seconds left but Brendan Plavich made three throws half-minute to clinch it.

No. 24 Cincinnati 83. South ern Mississippi 51: Jason Max-iell scored 20 points and Eric Hicks had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the host Bearcats (19-6, 7-4 Conference USA), who had a 44-19 rebound advantage. Rashaad Carruth scored 16 points for Southern Miss (10-14. 1-11), which has lost six in a row for the second time this season

Next: No tidy solution to a messy situation

ment players who will skate under a salary cap system that lowers total player payrolls from a current 76 percent of league revenues to something closer to 50 percent

If that course is taken, this season's lockout likely would turn into next season's strike while the NHL tries to reopen with replace-

ment players "We will continue to explore and pursue all available options in order to achieve a success-ful resolution." Bettman said. "Virtually immediately, we as an organization at the league level and our clubs are going to begin planning for a 2005-2006 season. ... We will obviously pursue a collective bargaining agreement with the players' association. That remains our goal. But obviously ... we will explore all of our options, and we haven't done that to date

The union could go to court or the U.S. National Labor Relations Board to challenge the say over the NHL's five Canadian teams. If the challenge is successful, the union could prevent the league from resuming play, possibly forcing Bettman back to the bargaining table and dragging the dispute deep into next

Another possibility is that the union dissolves, a process known as "decertification," and players then bring an antitrust acti against the owners for collusion. The NFL Players' Association successfully decertified against the NFL back in 1989, forcing the league back to the bargaining table for a deal that the union deemed favorable

And a further scenario has the players, or a media mogul such as Rupert Murdoch, starting a hockey league to replace the NHL. By next summer, 80 percent of the players' individual contracts binding them to their teams and to the current labor negotiations - will have expired, allowing those players to join another hockey league or form their own. Murdoch successfully created a rugby league in Australia last year as a way to create content for his global media empire, which includes satellite television, Fox Sports, 20th Century Fox movie studios and more

goes in both directions," said J.P. Barry, the Calgary-based managing director of IMG hockey, with 70 NHL players under contract, including Daniel Alfredsson, Jaromir Jagr and Mats Sundin. "Let's say Rupert Murdoch and Bill Gates all of a sudden start a league and promise players contracts and conditions better than the uncertainty that they have now. These are just possibilities, but you

never know Certainly nothing that happened over the past several days suggests any solution will be easily attained. Both sides had made major concessions in face-to-face meetings starting in Washington on Sunday, moving to a Sheraton hotel at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Monday and concluding with a series of faxed letters between their respective headquarters in

New York and Toronto on Tuesday night. After opposing any salary control system for months, the players on Sunday signaled that they might accept a cap, which they set at \$52 million per team in a meeting with the league in Niagara Falls. Bettman countered with a \$42.5 million offer Tuesday night, and the union responded a few hours later with \$49 million. The owners in turn dropped their insistence that overall player salaries and benefits not exceed a certain percentage of league-wide revenue.

Though the sides appeared only \$6.5 million apart on a salary cap, that number multiplied across 30 teams is nearly \$200 million which Rettman said would have continued to cause the league to lose money.

He said that even at \$42.5 million, NHL owners collectively probably would have lost money for at least two more years, although some stability may have been achieved be-

"The judgment we made was we would . take the economic risk of agreeing to a fixed cap unrelated to revenues. But there was only so much of that risk that we were prepared to absorb," Bettman said. "And the higher the number got, the bigger the risk got We couldn't be in the 50s or the high 40s."

Goodenow said the players compromised on a number of fronts, including a 24 percent



NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said the league "will explore all of our options."

across-the-board rollback on all existing player contracts that would have saved owners \$500 million over two years and \$1 billion in the long run.

"We have said before that they do not want to earn a dollar more than they are worth, Goodenow said Wednesday. "The players wanted to reach a fair agreement, but they never had a negotiating partner.

This is the third work stoppage for the NHL, which postponed 30 games because of a 10-day strike in 1992. Owners locked out the players over labor differences for 103 days in 1994-95, which cut the regular season from 84 games to 48. The league was able to bounce back and still mount a credible Stanley Cup race, but the loss of a season could be far worse for the already-hobbled NHL, which has been struggling against a minuscule television audience in the United States and growing fan apathy.

That returns to the original question: What's next?

"The game is a mess right now," Washington Capitals forward Jeff Halpern said. And while both sides dig in for another stand-

off, a third party can do nothing but watch. The fans are still left holding their hands in the air, wondering what's next," said Doug Sitler, a Buffalo, N.Y. -based fan who has organized a campaign to express the fan's frustration during the lockout. "Both players and owners have been preparing for this lockout for years. ... I think they will play hockey next year, but with some major changes. I think a lot of players will break with the union and play hockey next year. The owners are going to bust the union. The players are in a no-win situation. The owners have to take drastic measures with 20 of the teams losing money

Lemieux: Star savs small cities need a better deal

canceled the 2004-05 season Wednesday there would be a last-minute labor agreement to save the season - and, in his mind, the sport.

"This morning I thought the two sides would get together be fore the press conference and make a deal ... that, at the end of the day, there would be too much at stake for both sides." Lemieux said Wednesday. "But I knew and understood throughout this pro-cess that it would be a long battle."

Lemieux is the first owner-player in modern American pro sports history, but there never was a chance he would side with the players despite being the NHL's best-known star.

"A few years ago, I thought the owners were making a lot of money and were hiding some under the table," he said. "But then I got on this side and saw the losses this league was accumulat-

Lemieux tried several weeks ago to secretly move along a deal, meeting in Toronto with Maple Leafs owner Larry Tanenbaum and player Tie Domi to try to bridge the gap between the league and its players' union. He was unsuccessful

"It's been difficult," Lemieux said of his dual role. "I don't want to say the wrong things on either side and that's why I've chosen to stay away from the negotiations.

Lemieux said the NHL will be damaged by shutting down for a full season, but is confident it will make a strong return with rules changes designed to make the sport more fan-friendly and entertaining - something he has sought for years.

The game is going to suffer for a couple of years and it's going to take time to win back our fans and rebuild the business," he "And the players are going to have to share in that.'

The labor impasse couldn't come at a more critical time for the Penguins, two-time Stanley Cup champions who enjoyed considerable on-ice and box office success from 1991 to 2001 until soaring salary costs forced Le-mieux to get rid of all of the team's stars except himself.

"I couldn't afford myself," he referring to the below-market \$5 million salary he paid himself last season.

With attendance down during three consecutive losing seasons amid the sell-off of players such as Jaromir Jagr and Alexei Kovalev, Lemieux said the 38-year-old franchise's existence depends on a more favorable labor contract and a new arena.

As for his own career, Lemieux lans to keep playing once the NHL returns to the ice, despite missing 145 games due to injury or rest in the past three seasons.

"I've done it before, taken a few years off, but it gets tougher and tougher, once you get closer to 40, to lose a year," said Lemieux, who turns 40 in October. "But I'll prepare myself this summer to come back and play."

Quick fix? How about a 20-game season?

By ASHLEY MCGEACHY

The Philadelphia Inquirer PHILADELPHIA — Here's a

suggestion for Gary Bettman. Bob Goodenow and the rest of the National Hockey League: Play a 20-game season vear.

This year. Next year. Every

On Wednesday, the NHL canceled its season a sad inevitable end after 154 days of a lockout based on - what else - the almighty dollar. Instead of compromising on a salary cap, hockey has forfeited an insane amount of money, financially crippling the league, the teams and the players as well as local businesses and their workers

Concessionaires, sporting goods merchants, bars, restaurants and vendors, whose livelihoods revolve around hockey, may have been devastated

When Bettman and Goodenow reopen their negotiations and talk about next season, they should immediately agree to trim the 82-game slate by 62. Start training camp the day after the Super



void the size of California hits sports fans. Have it last a week.

bring on the games.

Fans are angry, but as baseball's brood taught us after the strike of 1994 most are fickle as long as there's a hook. For America's pastime, that hook was the compelling, if not suspicious (wink, wink, Jose Canseco), home run derby in 1998 between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, Fans watched the gripping assault on Roger Maris' record and in the process rediscovered their love of baseball and subsequently returned to the ballparks having for-

given, if not forgotten, Hockey needs a hook

Think of the ramifications of a shortened season. Every game would have major consequences - it does in the NFL, doesn't it? and therefore generate a play off-type atmosphere every night. Fans would pack the arenas (cha-ching) to see vicious checks and masterful goaltending and

frenetic offense, and the teams that really were dedicated to winning would be compelled to stack their rosters with the best players available

The Washington Capitals and Florida Panthers and Pittsburgh Penguins can't afford to pay big bucks to be competitive? Fine.
Their fans wouldn't have to suffer through 82 games of heartbreak

The agony would be over quicker Aside from a small group of hard-core hockey fans and the sportswriters assigned to cover the league, who in the United States really cares about hockey in November and December? Or. to be fair, about the NBA?

The end of the year is about football, football and more football. High schools are playing for state titles. The college season is wrapping up, with teams vying for conference championships and players making cases for the Heisman Trophy. And the NFL season is in full bloom, with teams challenging for playoff seedings.

Did anyone in Philadelphia really miss the Flyers while the Eagles were pushing toward the

Super Bowl? Maybe a few people did, but not me

On Monday, after getting home from Jacksonville, Fla., I would have watched a little hockey. Not before.

To make things more entertaining, the NHL should do away with annoying ties. A tie does nothing for the fans but leave them with an unsatisfying moral victory.

Instead of allowing a game to end in a tie, have a maximum of two 15-minute overtime periods. If the score is still tied, move to a sudden-death shootout. One shot for victory. must-see TV. That would be

While they're at it, Bettman and Goodenow should consider other changes. Widen the rink Expand the goal. Severely punish fighting. Play four-on-four.

Do anything you can to promote offense, because while there are purists who appreciate a de fensive battle, the casual fan loves scoring. After Wednesday's announcement, the NHL will have to recruit fans back to the game, and that will probably mean attracting new fans

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Penguins owner/player Mario mieux believes the NHL's future in Pittsburgh relies on a labor agreement that pro-

Lemieux has rare view of impasse

BY ALAN ROBINSON

The Associated Press PITTSBURGH

never was any doubt where hockey's biggest name stood in the NHL lockout.

These days, Mario Lemieux is the Pittsburgh Penguins' owner first and a player second, not the other way around. Lemieux was captain of Team Canada when it won the World Cup in Sentember but has said repeatedly the NHL has no choice but to negotiate a more favorable labor contract - even if such a deal

might trim his own salary. The only other option, he said, is to risk losing hockey in Pittsburgh and other smaller cities, where fans are weary of subsidizing big salaries in what is becoming a niche sport

largely ignored by the masses. That's why Lemieux was hopeful until minutes before Commissioner Gary Bettman

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play next season with replace

will make the next move by declaring an impasse and resuming

Detroit's Joe Louis Arena will not host NHL games this season after the only cancellation of an entire season in North American pro sports history.

Possibilities abound amid intensifying turmoil

TARIK EL-BASHIR

The Washington Post WASHINGTON - When National Hockey League Commis-sioner Gary Bettman formally canceled the 2004-05 season on Wednesday, the league became the first major professional sport in North America to lose an entire son over labor problems, driving speculation on where the 88-year-old NHL goes from here

and whether it can even survive. The flurry of meetings and phone calls over the past few weeks between the union and NHL owners failed to stop the

downward spiral that began with ■ NHL needs to get creative to lure back fans. Page 39

Possible scenarios

- The NHL declares an impasse and resumes play next season with replacen players who operate under an owner-specified salary cap. This would likely prompt the players to strike
- The players' union goes to court or the U.S. National Labor Relations Board to hallenge the impasse, even though the NLRB has no jurisdiction over the NHL's five Canadian teams. Under a successful challenge, the union could prevent the league
- from resuming play, possibly forcing more negotiations and lengthening the dispute. The union dissolves and players bring an anti-trust action against the owners for collusion, a tactic NFL players successfully used in 1989.
 - The players or a media mogul start a league to replace the NHL

By The Washington Post

son," said Stan Kasten, former president of the NHL Atlanta Thrashers. "One thing I know is that there will be grave conse-

quences that are long-lasting. It's inevitable."

The league shut down Sept. 15,

"I know of nothing analogous to this ... one of the big, professional major sports losing an entire seawhen the NHL's 30 owners, tired

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the owners' lockout of players

five months ago, which had wiped

out 830 of the 1,230 regular-sea-

son games. Now the game heads

into uncharted territory.



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financial losses, locked the doors

to arenas and practice facilities

until the players agreed to a cost

structure that would rein in sala-

ries. Now that it appears those

doors won't reopen any sooner

than the fall, the question be-

"There are all kinds of scenari-

os people are talking about, but

they involve such drastic steps that it's hard to predict whether

they will actually take them," said

Gary Roberts, a former anti-trust

attorney for the NFL who now

teaches law at Tulane University.

Many predict that the league

comes, "What's next?"

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